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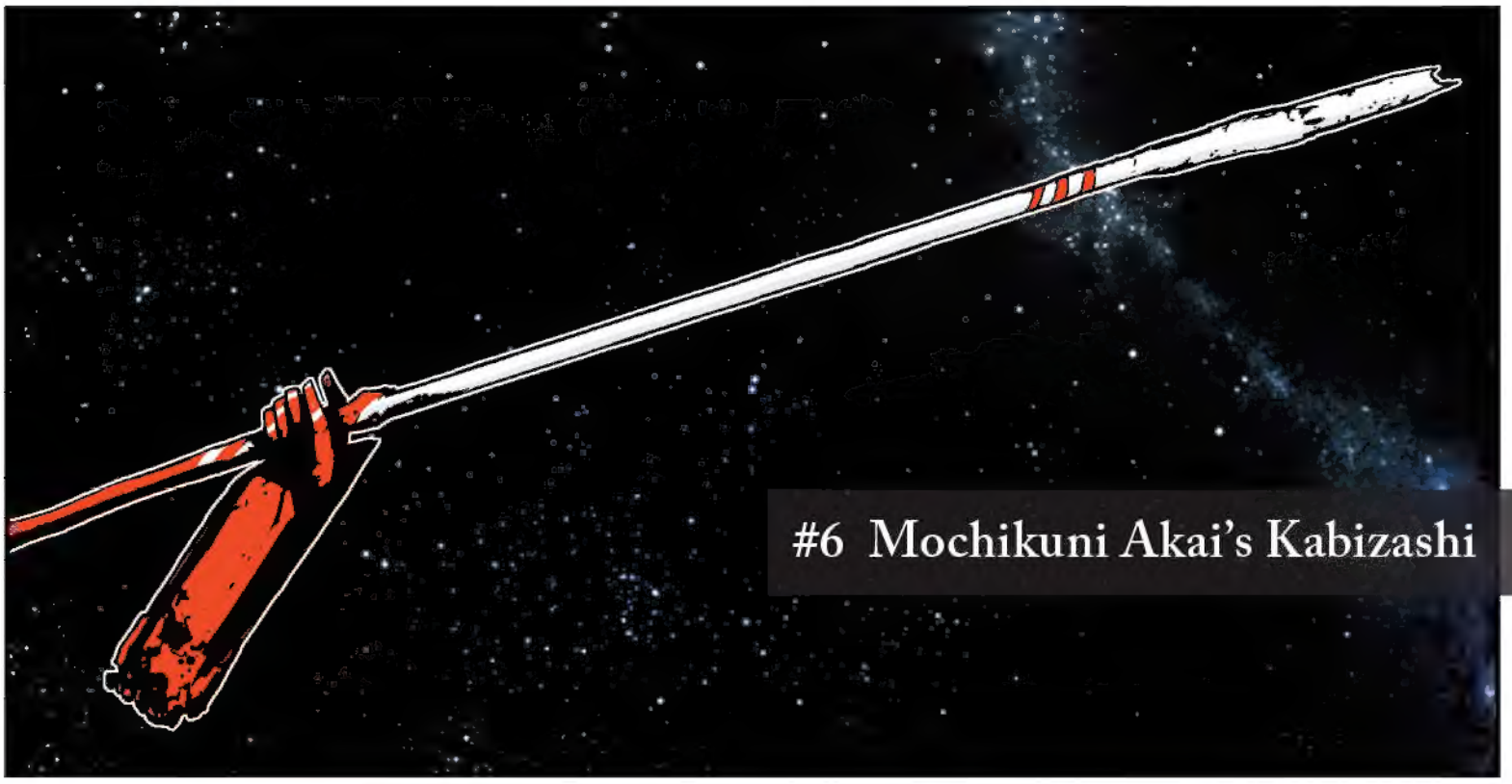
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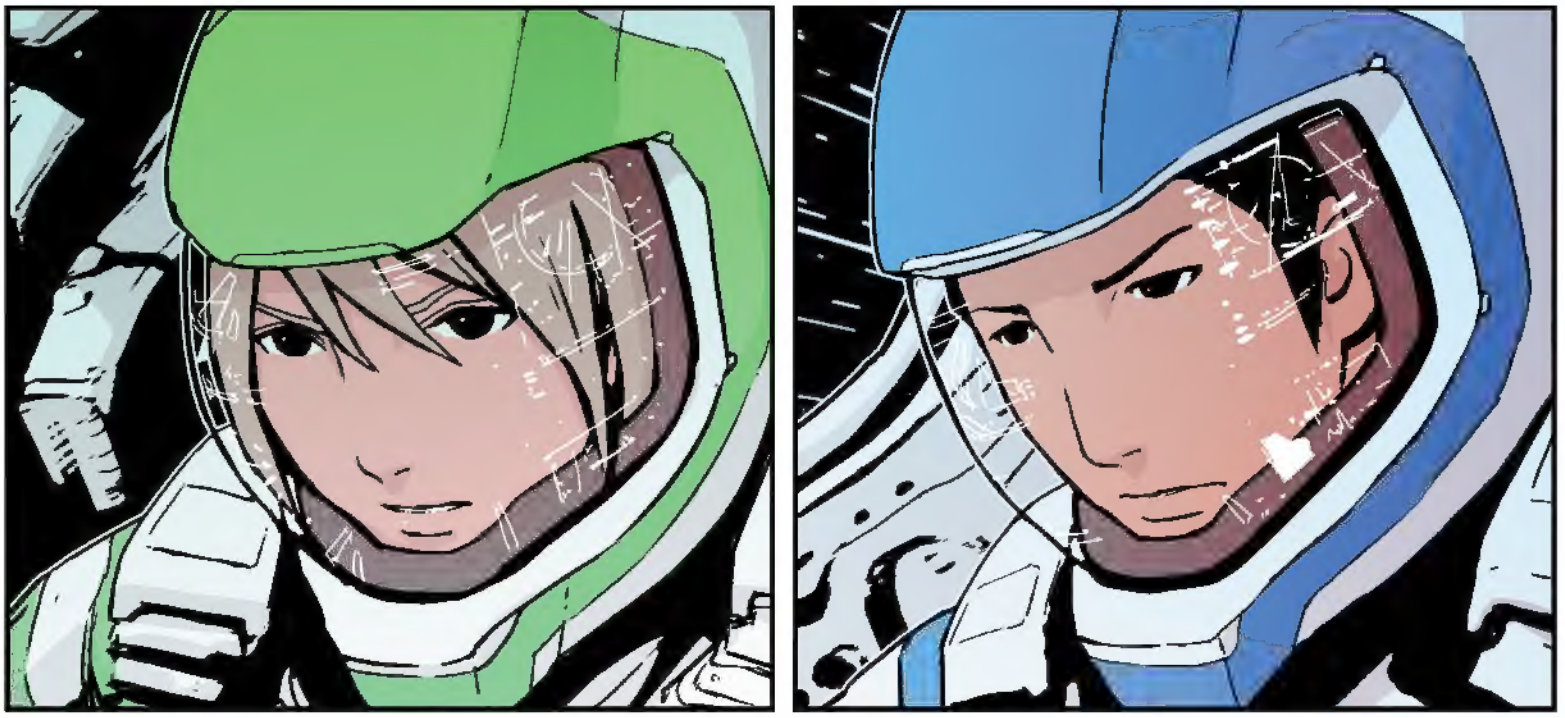

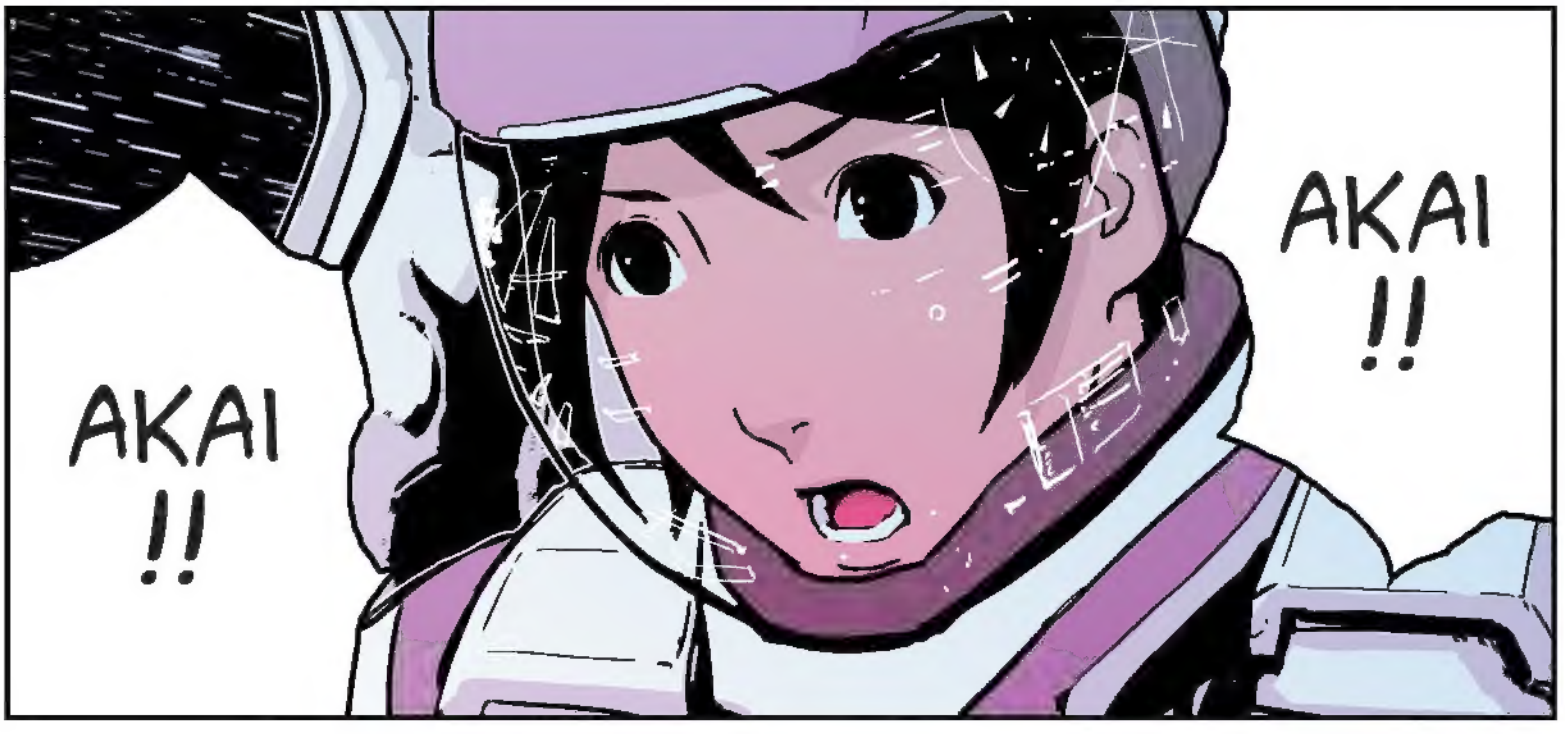
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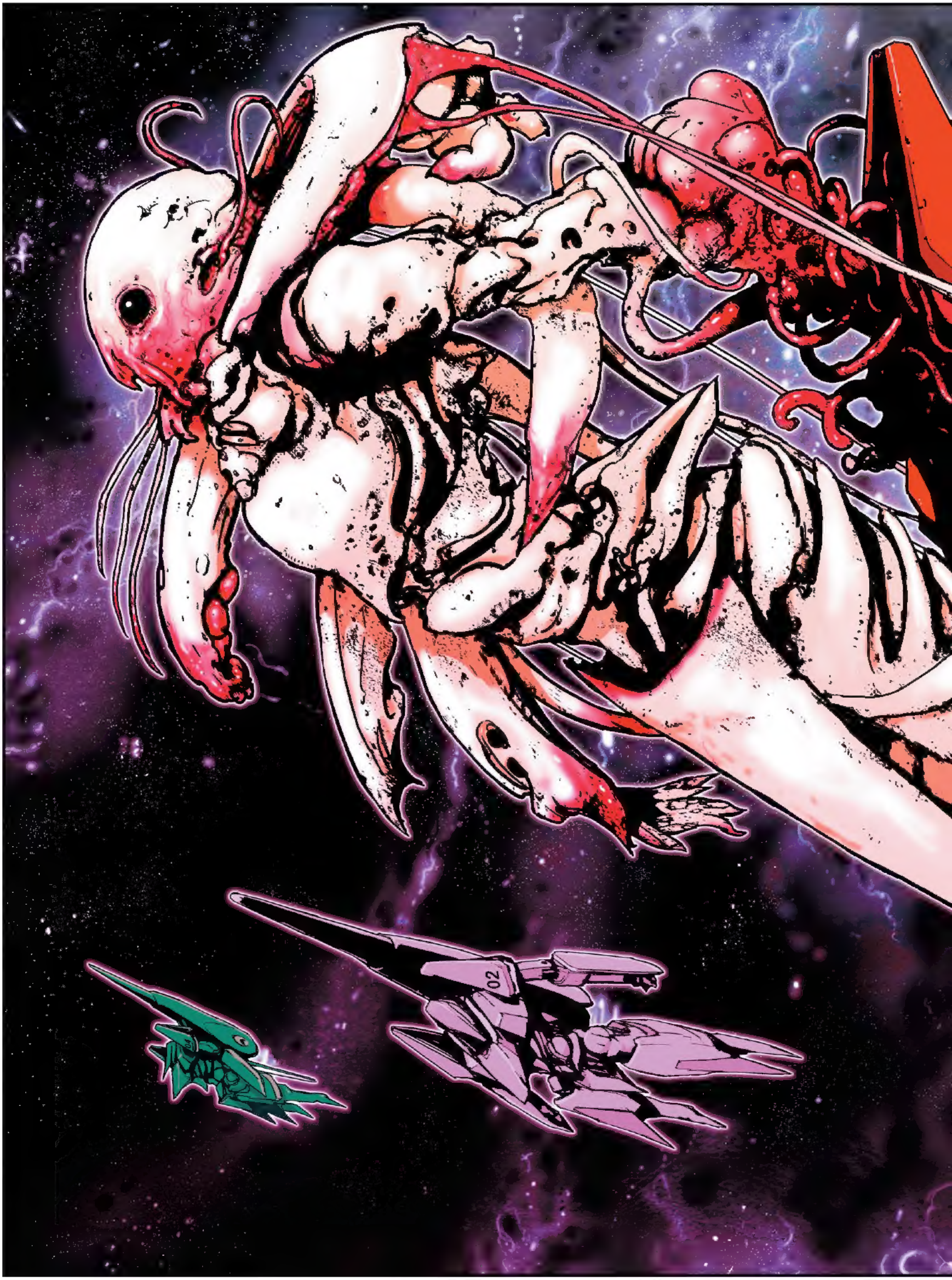
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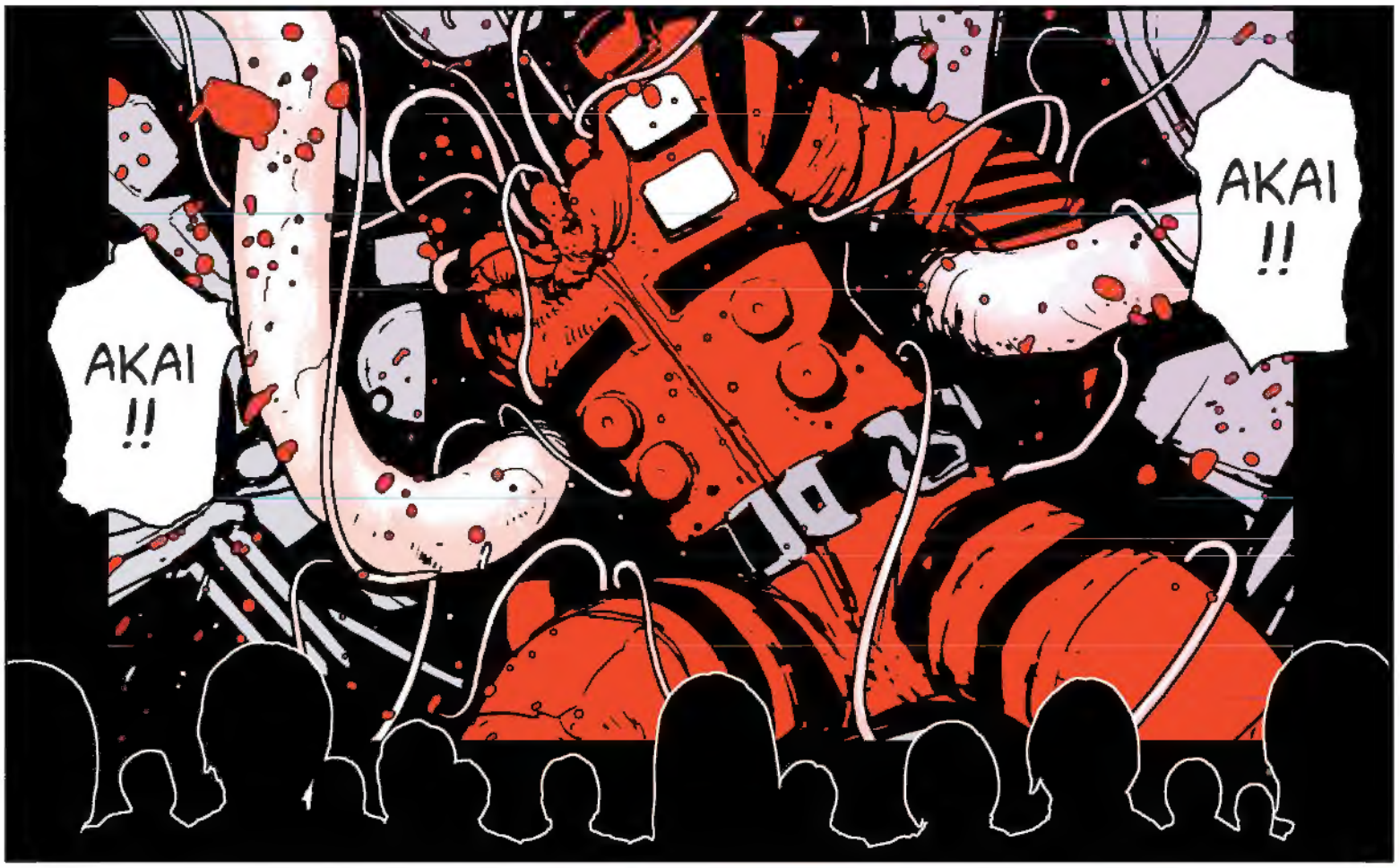
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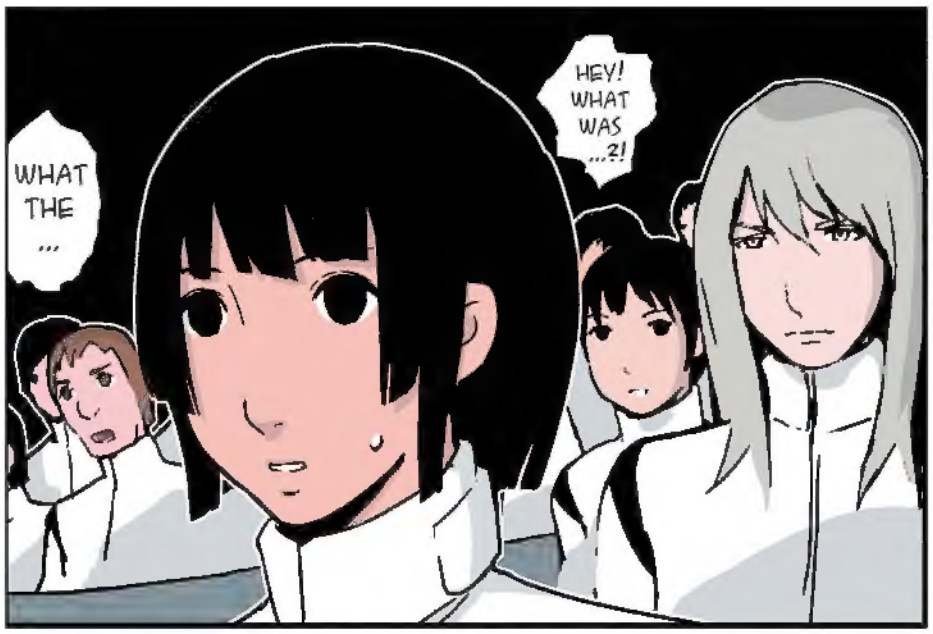
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HEY! WHAT WAS ...?!

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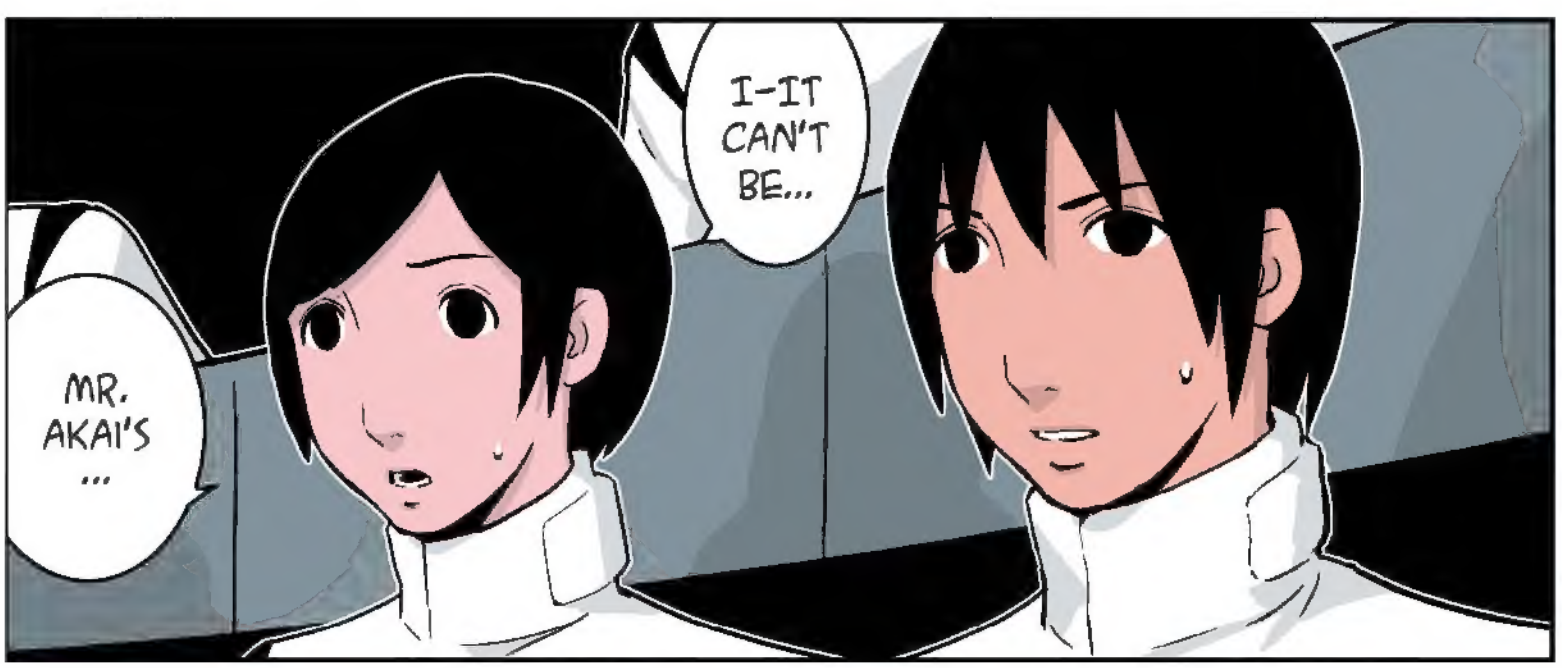
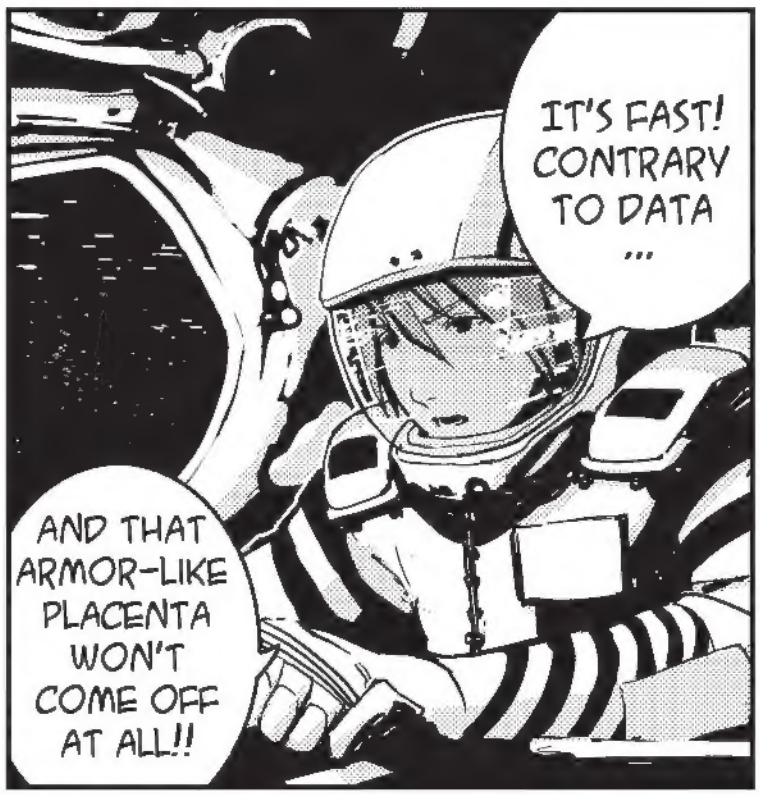
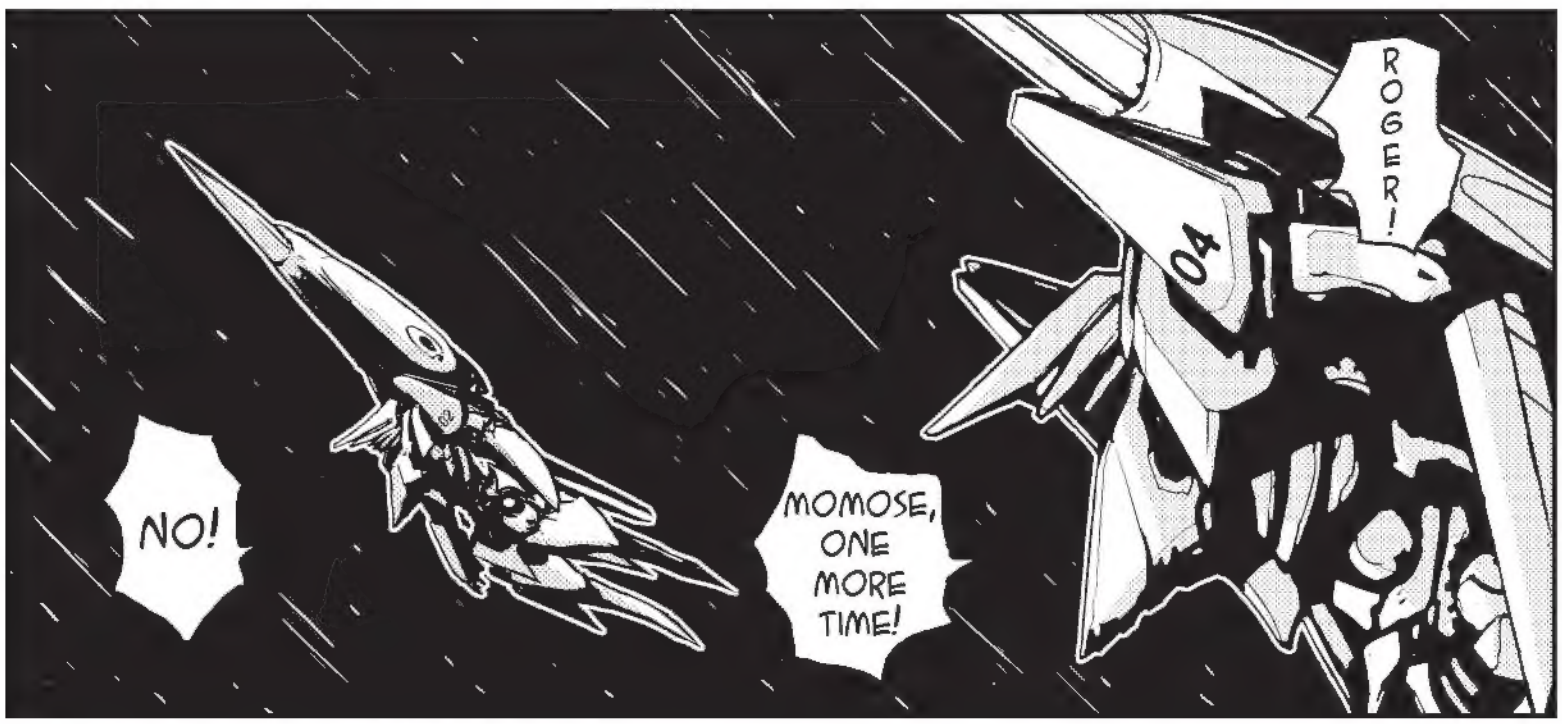
END OF BROADCAST


I-IT CAN'T BE...
MR. AKAI'S ...

THERE'S NO WAY TO GET THE ENTIRE THING OFF!
I JUST NEED A PEEP, GET THE CORE EXPOSED.
KABIZASHIS CAN'T GO THROUGH IF THERE'S EVEN AN INCH OF PLACENTA LEFT.


IT'S FAST! CONTRARY TO DATA ...
AND THAT ARMOR-LIKE PLACENTA WON'T COME OFF AT ALL!!


ROGER!
04
NO!
MOMOSE, ONE MORE TIME!

GAUNA!!

WATCH OUT, PLACENTAL ARMS!!

MO-MOSE!!

AKAI'S DEAD!!

LET GO OF AKAI!!

BWAM

RELEASE HIGGS PARTICLE !!

GSH

WOOSH

WOOSH

YOU WON'T GET ME!!

BIP

BIP

BIP

KTANK

04

VWM!

CORE EXPOSED
BOOM

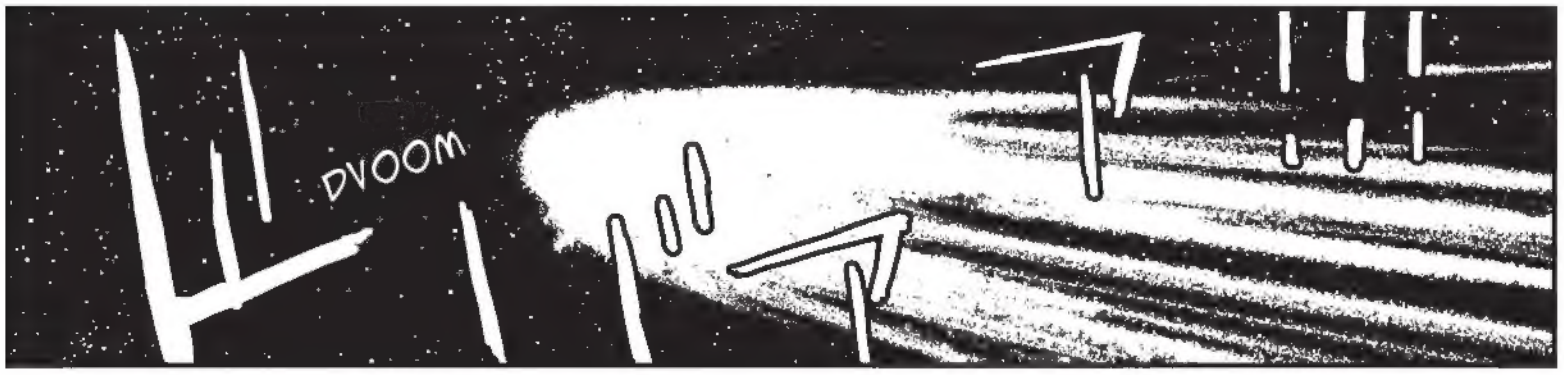
YO, AOKI, HURRY AND USE THE KABIZASHI !!

YEAH!! THERE!
WE CAN SEE THE GAUNA'S CORE!

!!

AOKI !!
03

GONK


DVOOM

AKAI AND AOKI UNITS HEAVILY DAMAGED !!
BOTH KABIZASHIS ARE ADRIFT !!

I CAN'T TAKE THIS,

PULL THEM OUT.

THIS MISSION IS OVER.

NO WAY IN HELL!

LOOK OUT, MOMOSE !!

THOKK
04
02

YOU CAN STILL GET AWAY...
GO ON... HURRY.

MIDORI-KAWA...

AH!!
GONKK

02 MOMOSE

04 MIDORIKAWA

...

THE SUPPRESSION FORCE... HAS BEEN WIPED OUT.

02

PLEASE EQUIP THE GARRISON WITH KABI-ZASHIS.

CAP-TAIN !!

THE GAUNA HAS EVADED ALL HEAVY MASS CANNON SHOTS!

FINAL DEFENSE LINE BREACHED !!

G 487

REACHING SIDONIA SHORTLY !!

WE MUST AVOID ITS COMING ABOARD AT ALL COSTS.

CA- CAP- TAIN !!!

PREPARE TO ENGAGE ENGINES !!

NO. KEEP THE GARDES ON STANDBY.

AND ACCELERATE AT THRUST FIVE!!

STAGGER PORT AND STARBOARD IGNITION TO STEER OFF

AND ONLY ALONG A PERPENDIC- ULAR AXIS! IF WE ACCELERATE AT AN ANGLE...

THE GRAVITY FIELD GENERATOR WILL ONLY CUSHION ABOUT ONE G!!

GRAVITY ALERT !
GRAVITY ALERT !
THIS SHIP WILL EXECUTE AN EMERGENCY ACCELERATION SHORTLY!!

HOSHI-JIRO!

SECURE YOUR SAFETY BELTS ON A SAFETY HANDRAIL AND PREPARE FOR ACCELERATION IMMEDIATELY!

ANY-WAY, WE'VE GOTTA BUCKLE ON.

DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?

I DON'T KNOW.

JET CHAMBER ONE IGNITED!!!

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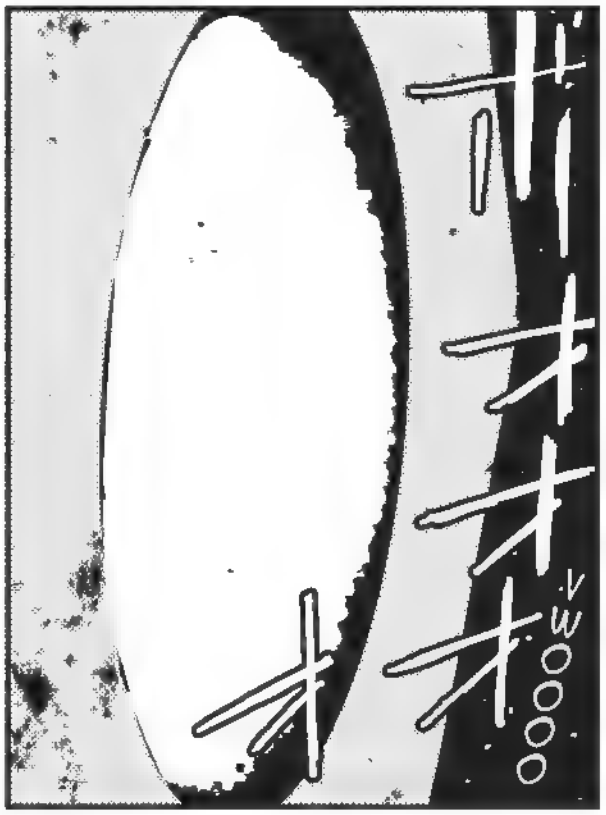
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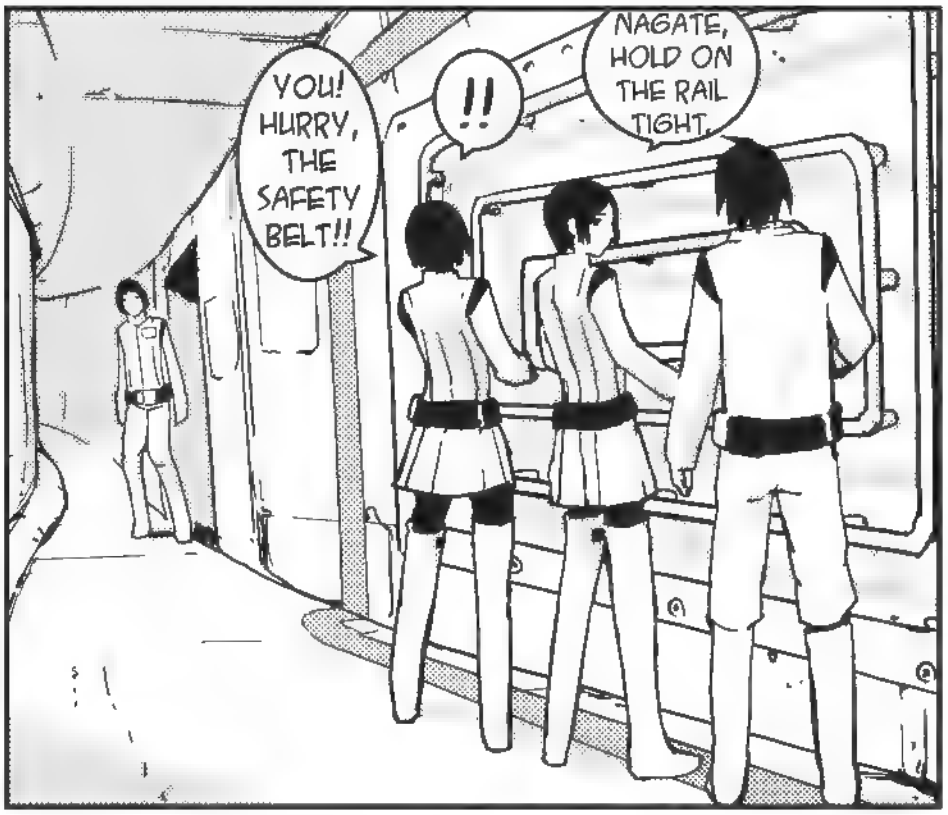
YOU! HURRY, THE SAFETY BELT!!
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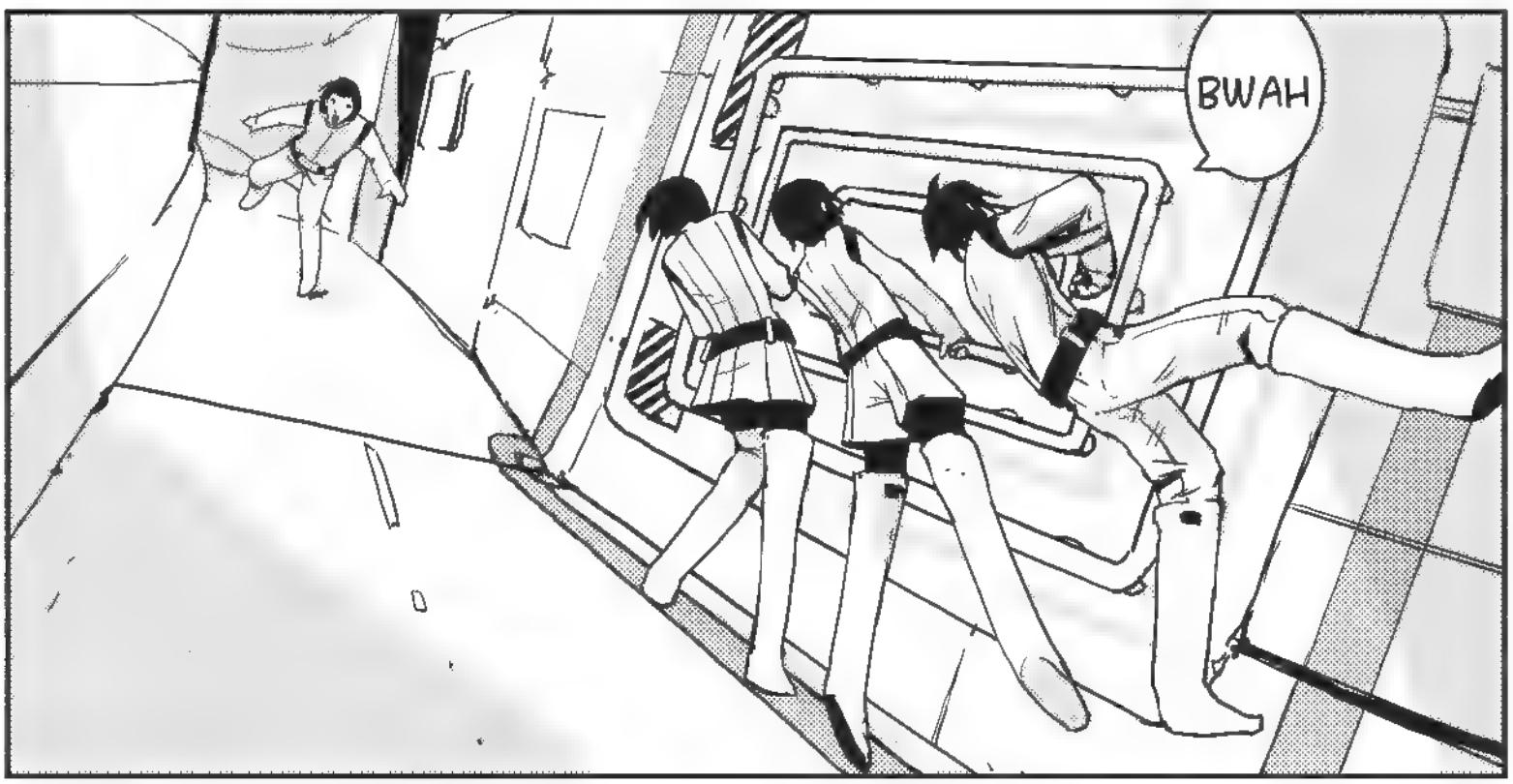
NAGATE, HOLD ON THE RAIL TIGHT.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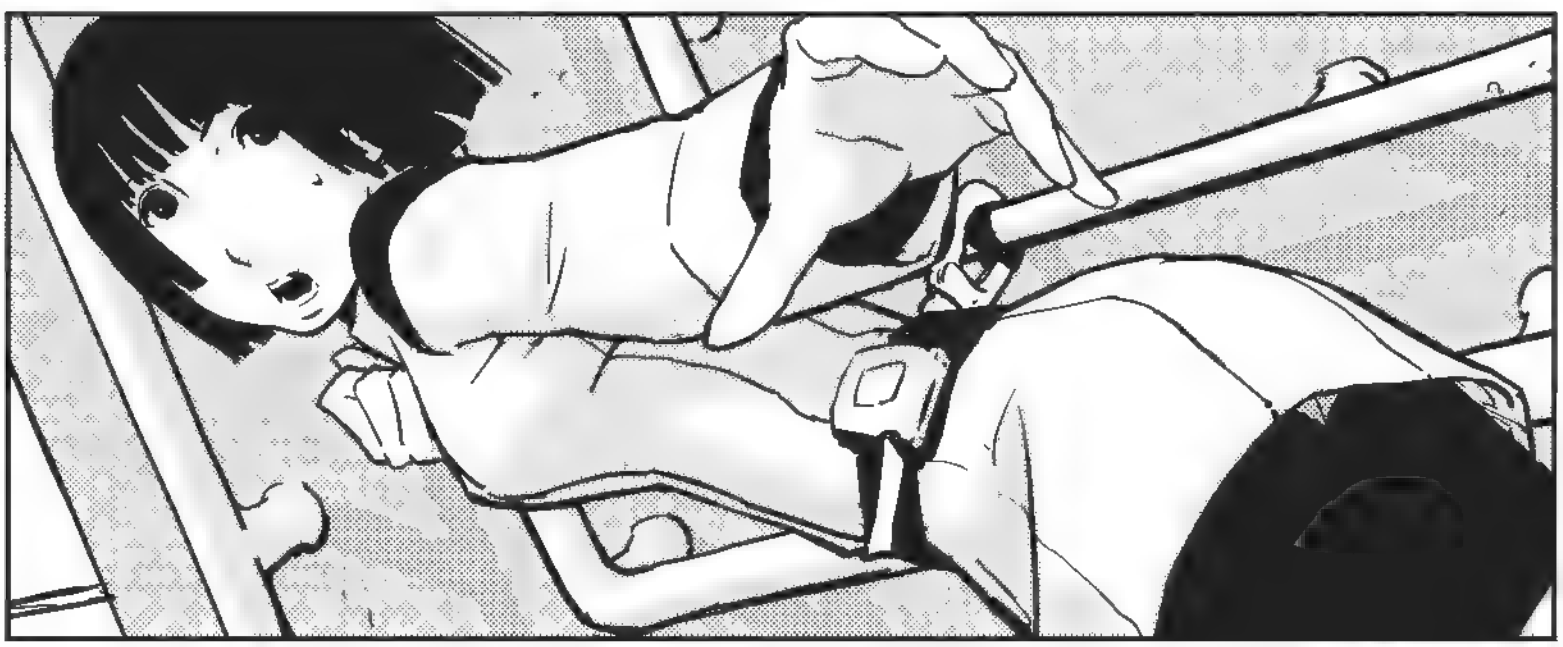

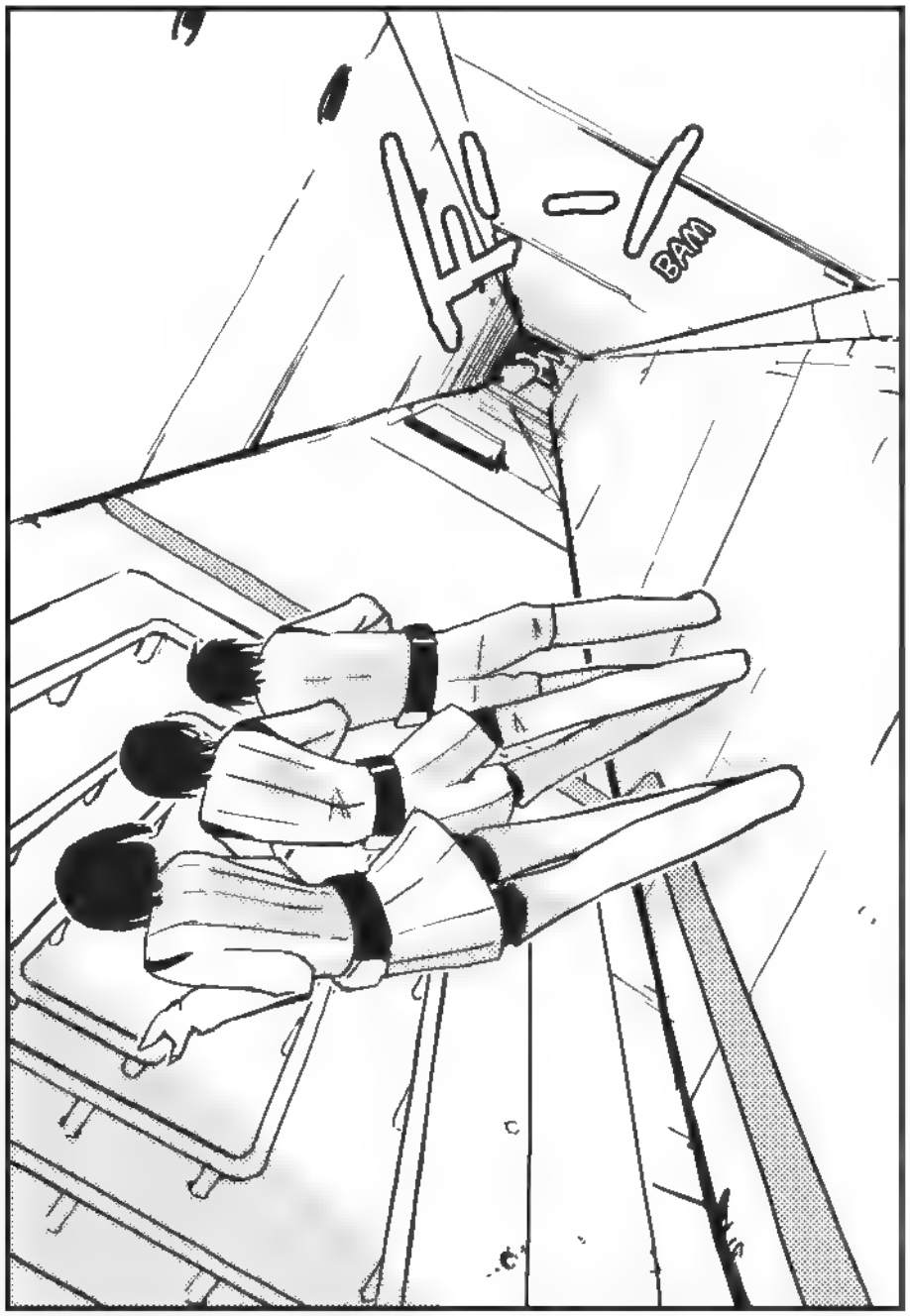
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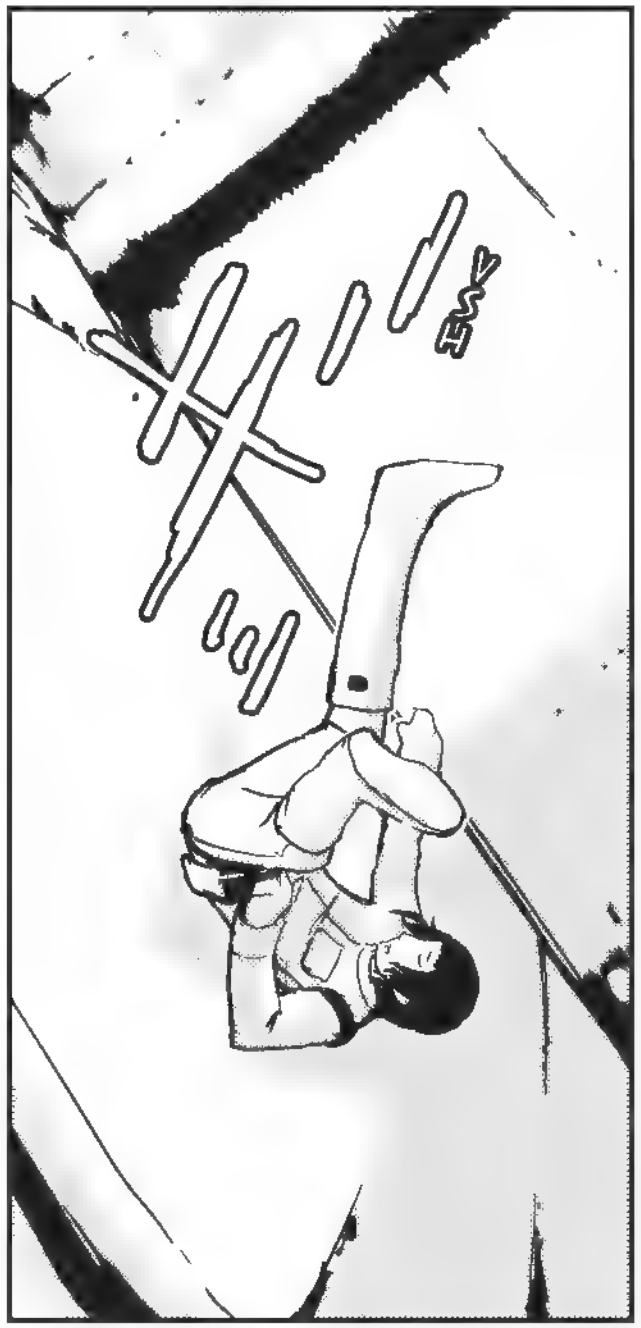
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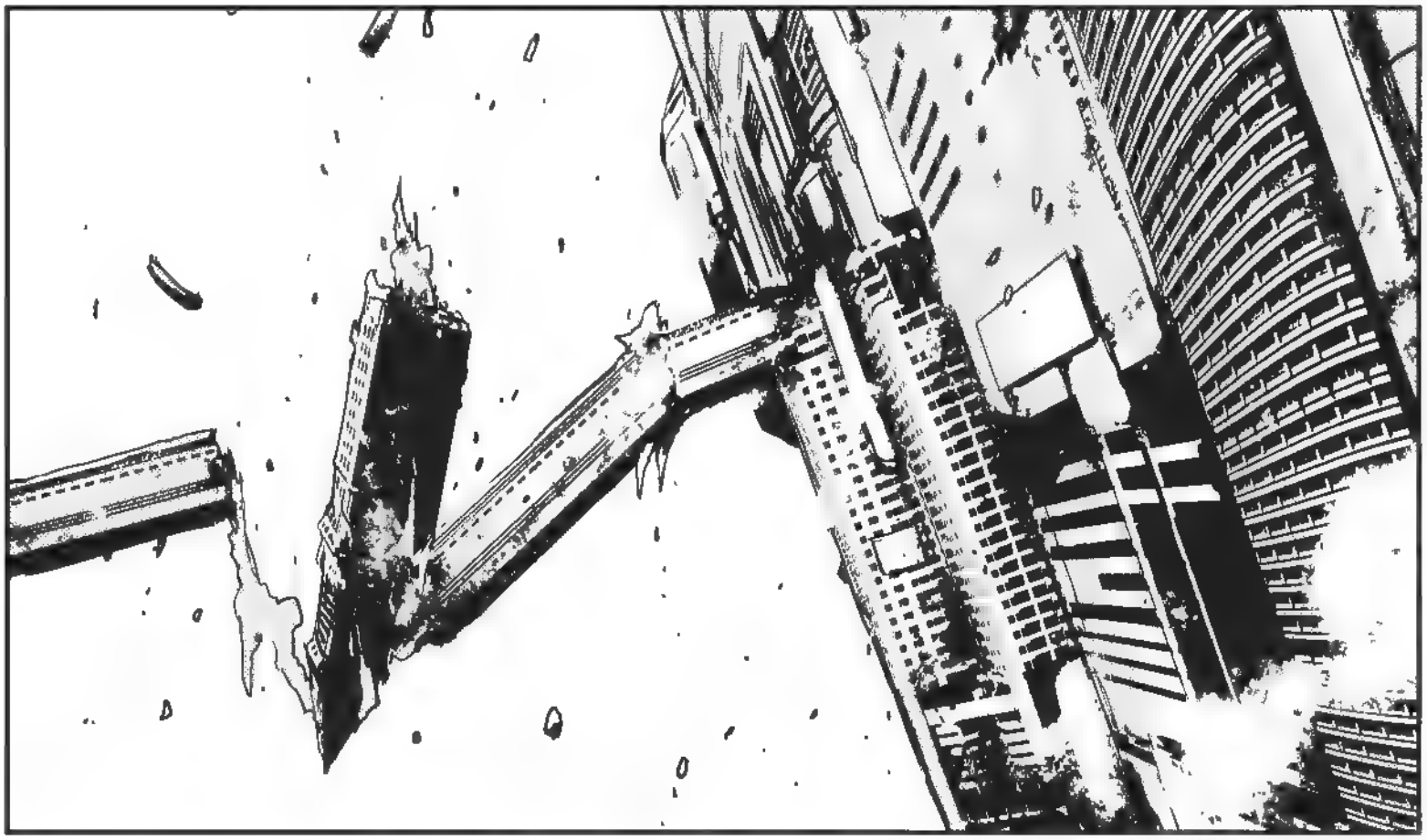

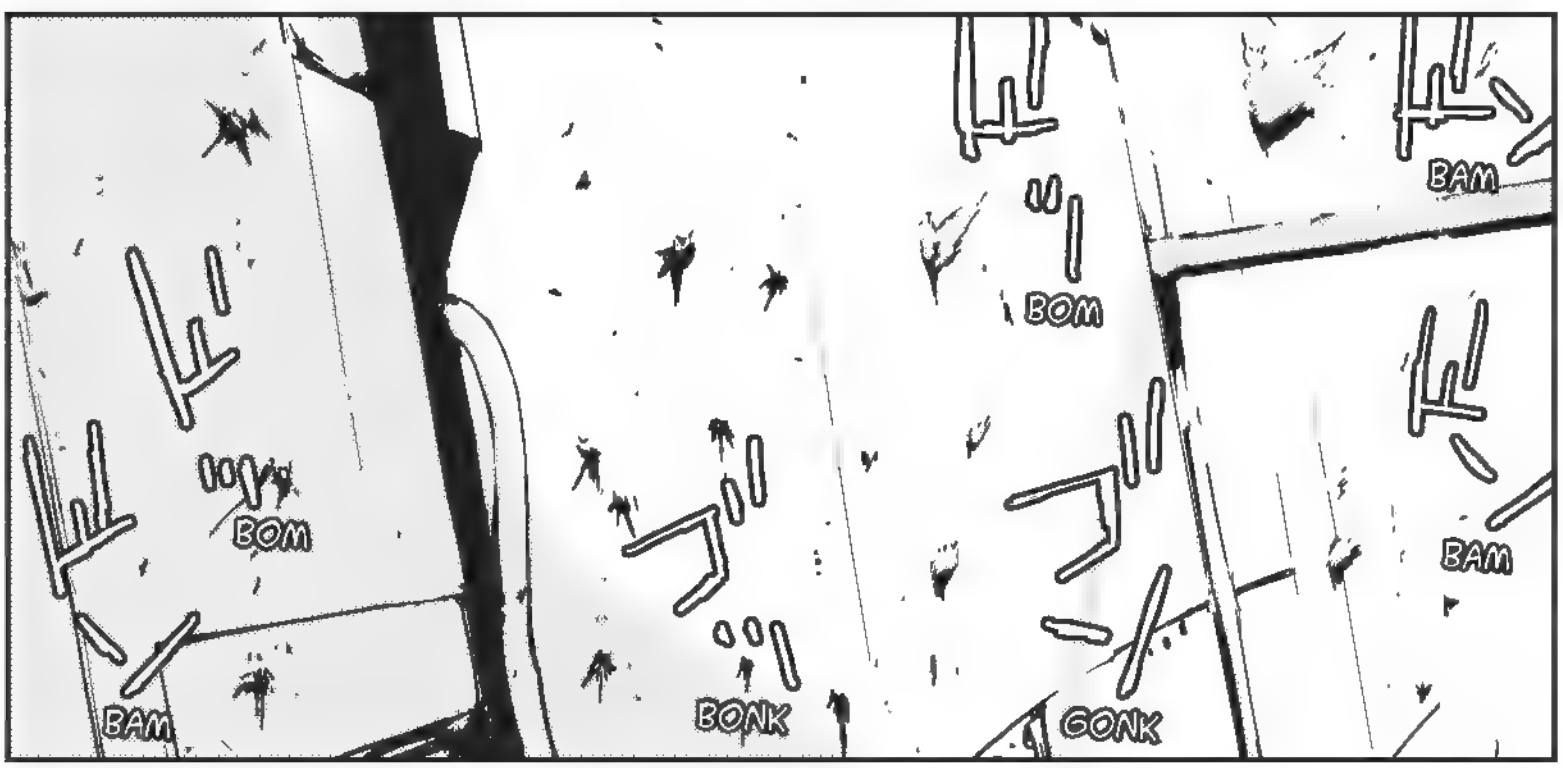
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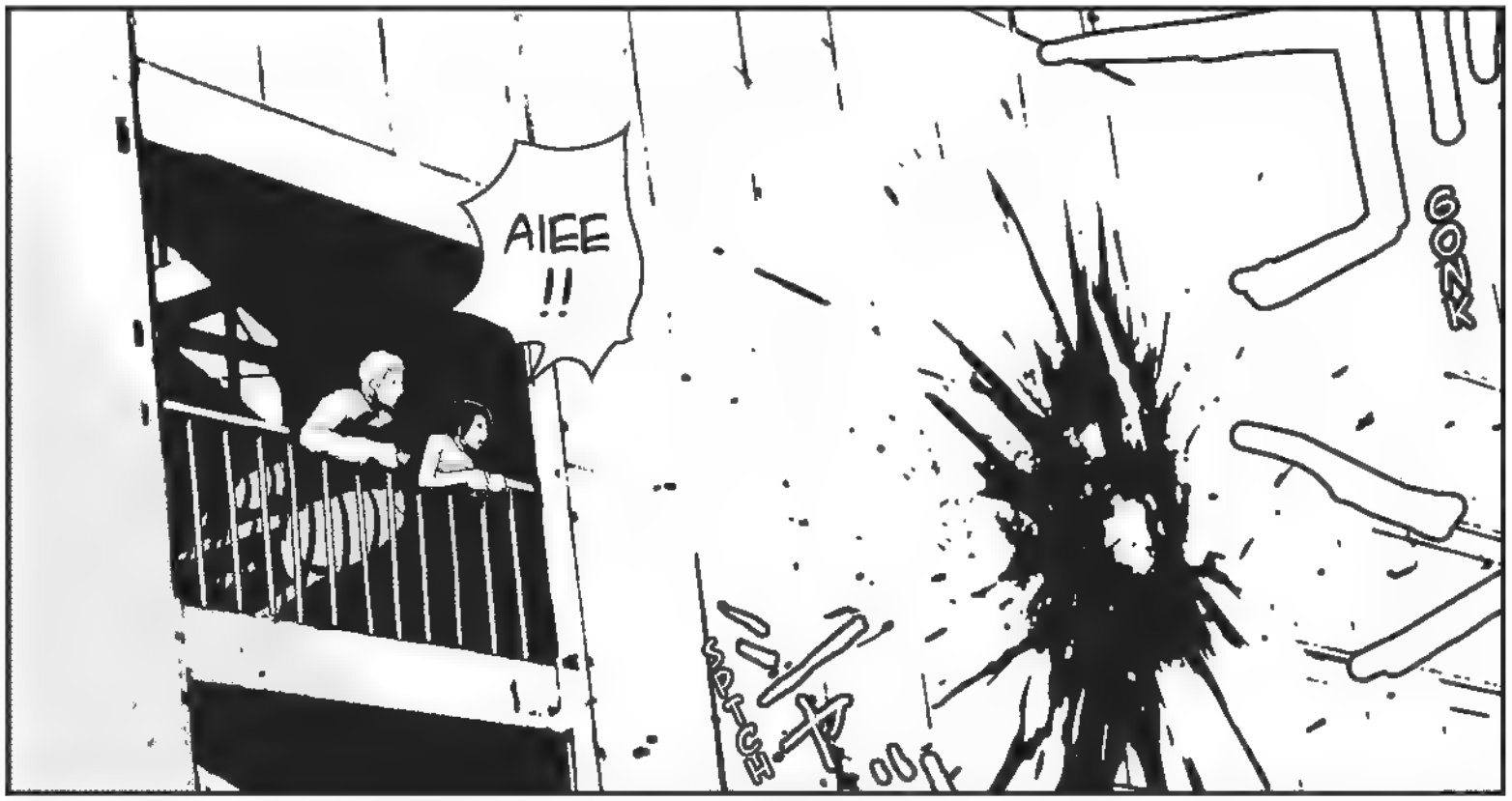
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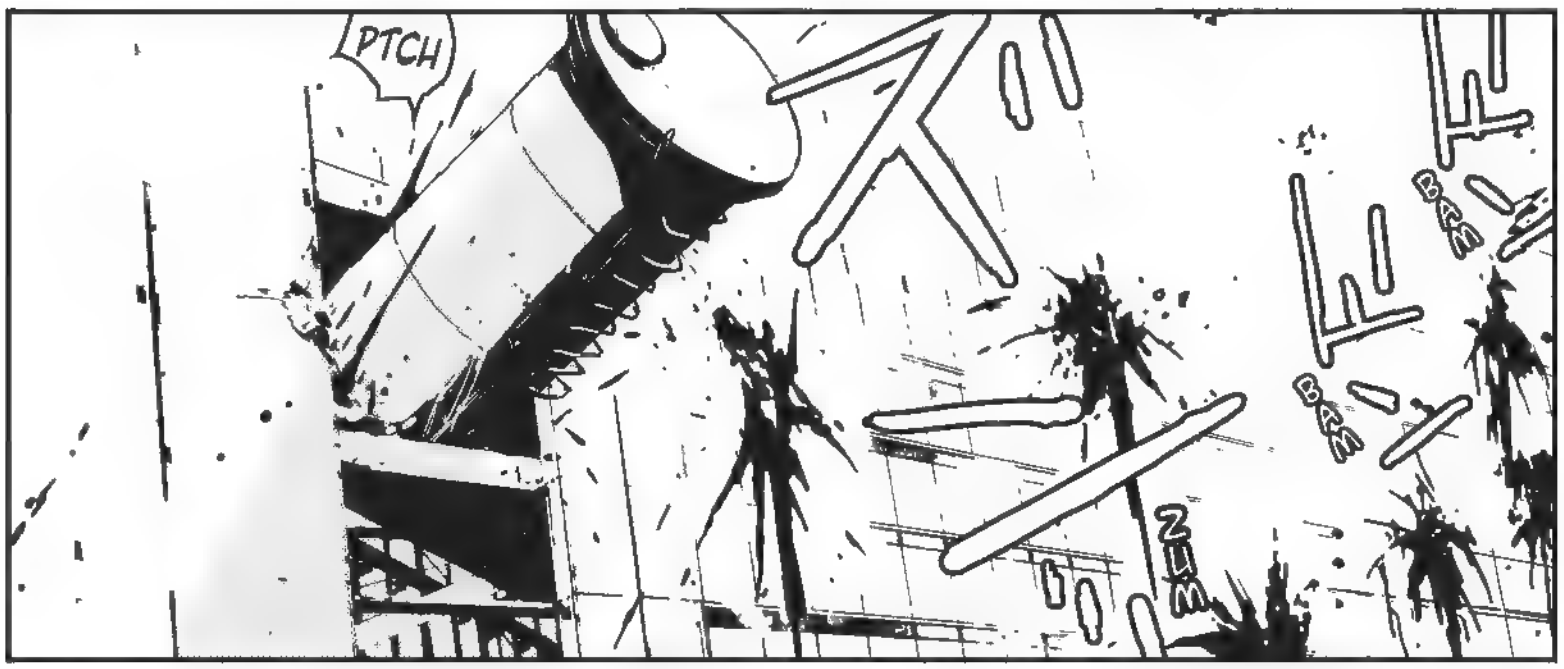
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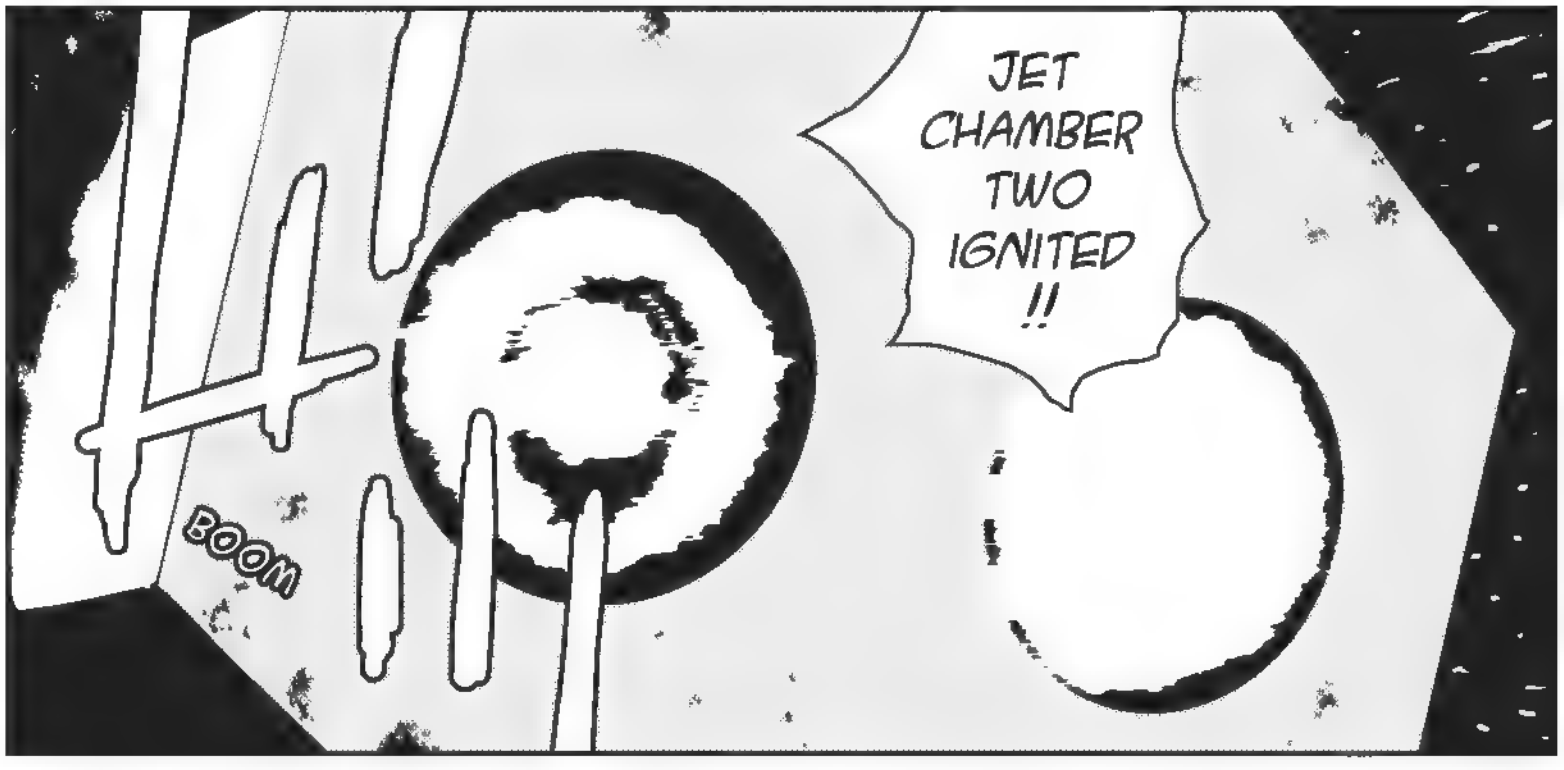
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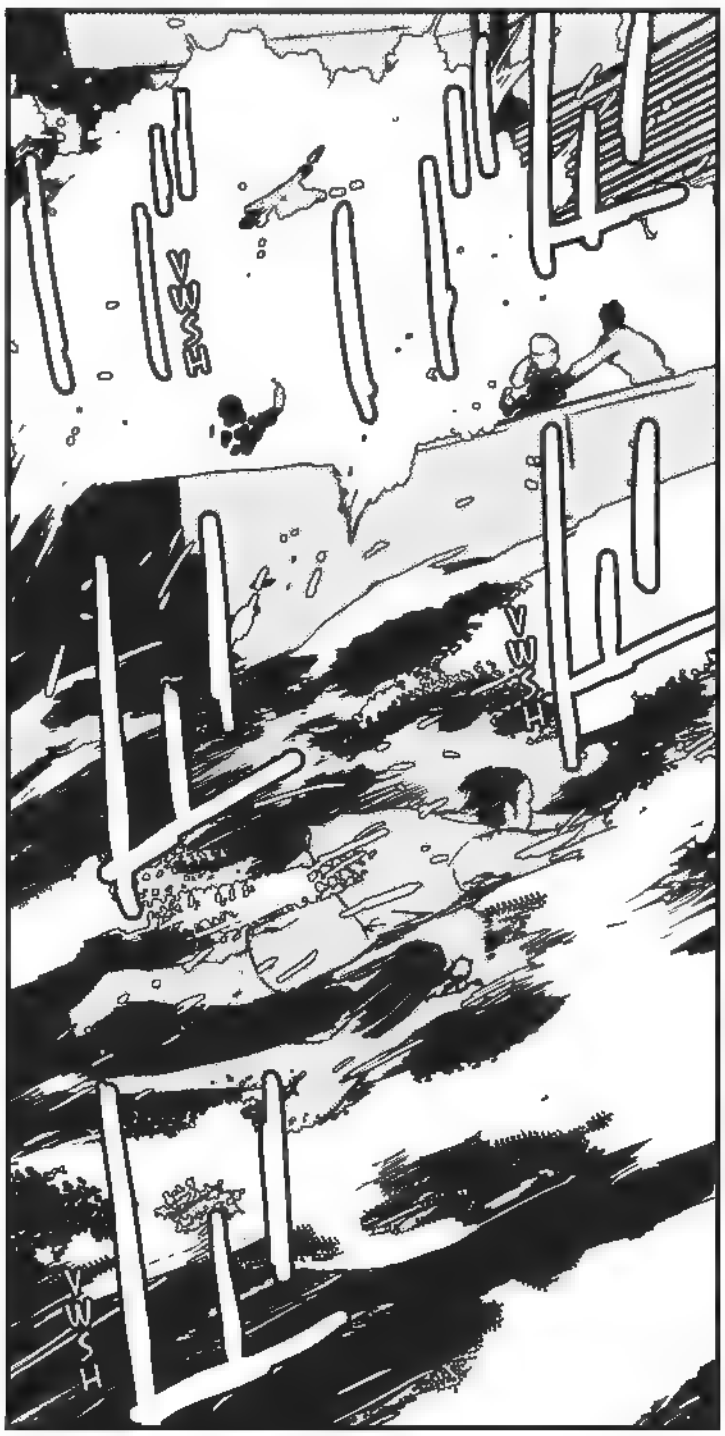
BOOM

WOOSH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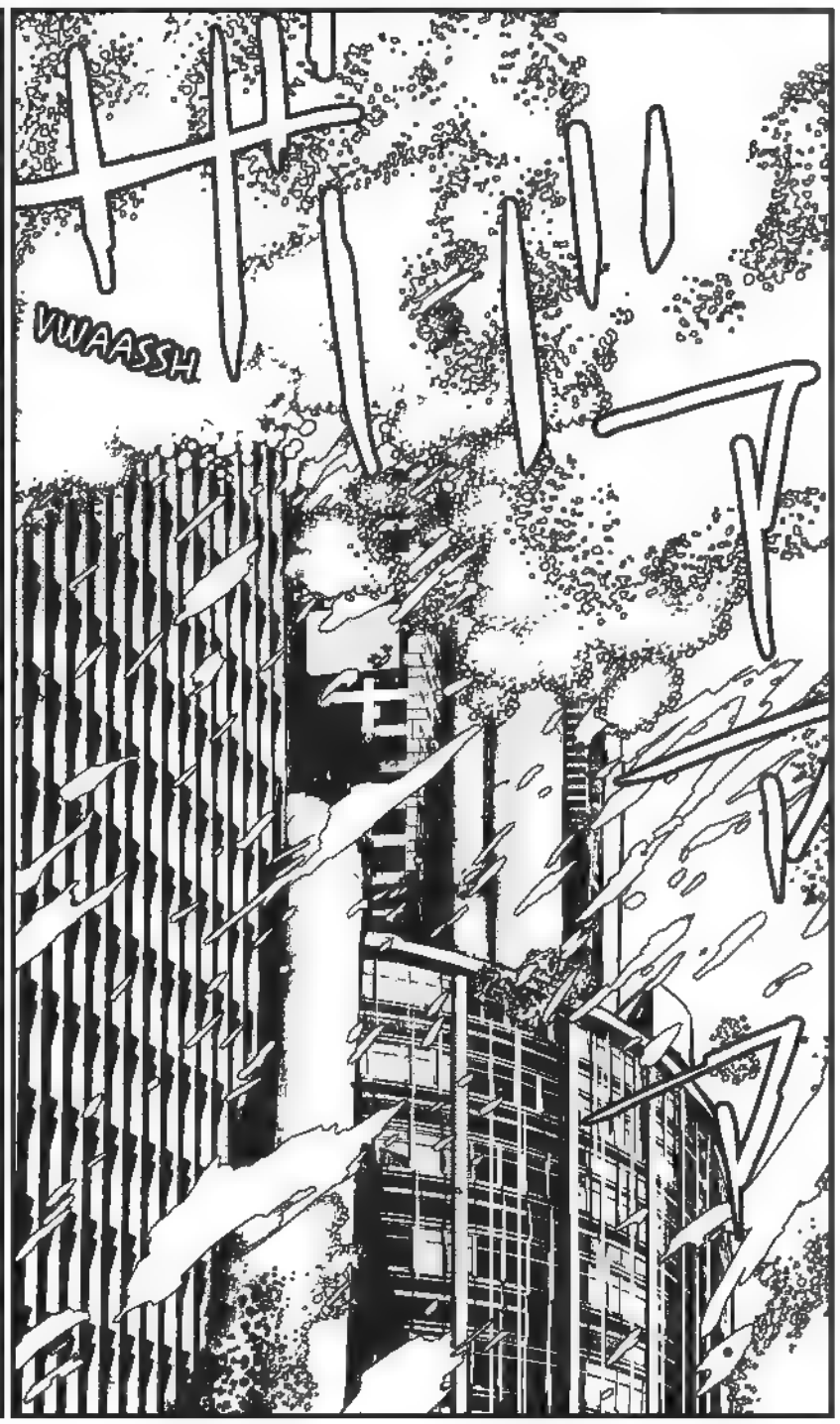
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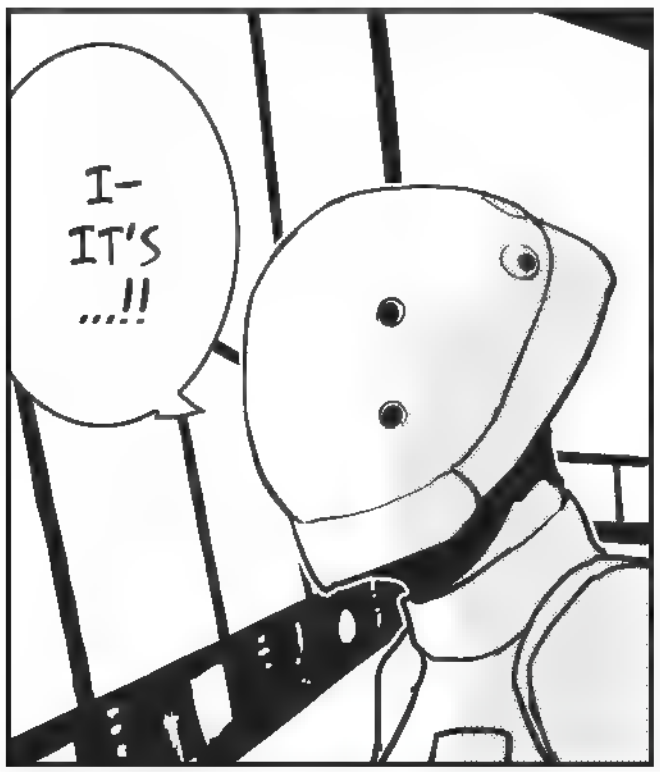
EVASION SUCCESSFUL !!
THE GAUNA IS OFF OF SIDONIA'S TRAJECTORY !!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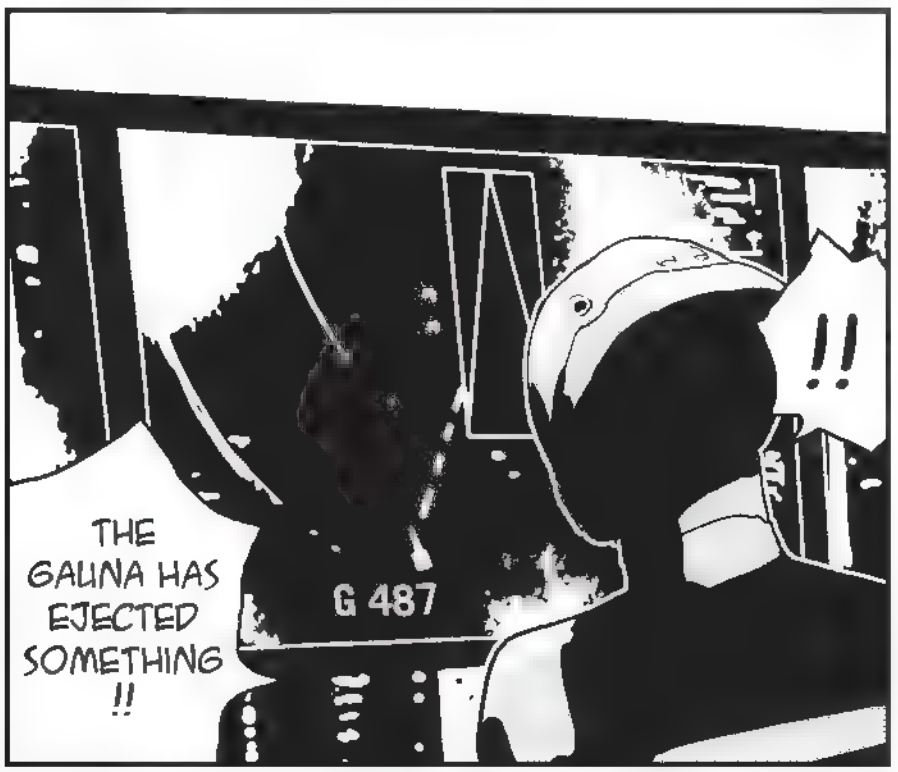
THE GAUNA HAS EJECTED SOMETHING !!
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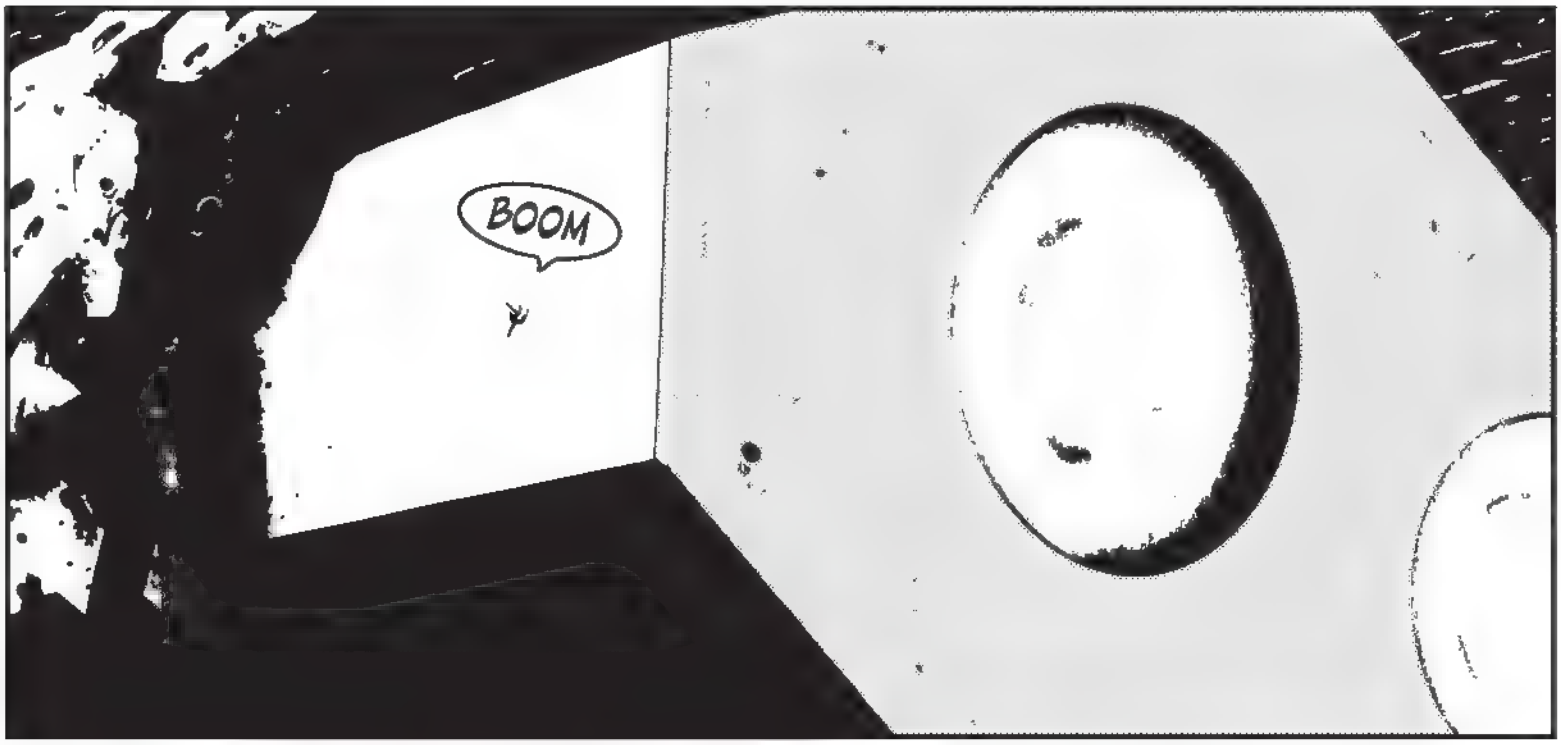
IT'S CRASHING INTO SIDONIA !!
MO- MOSE UNIT !!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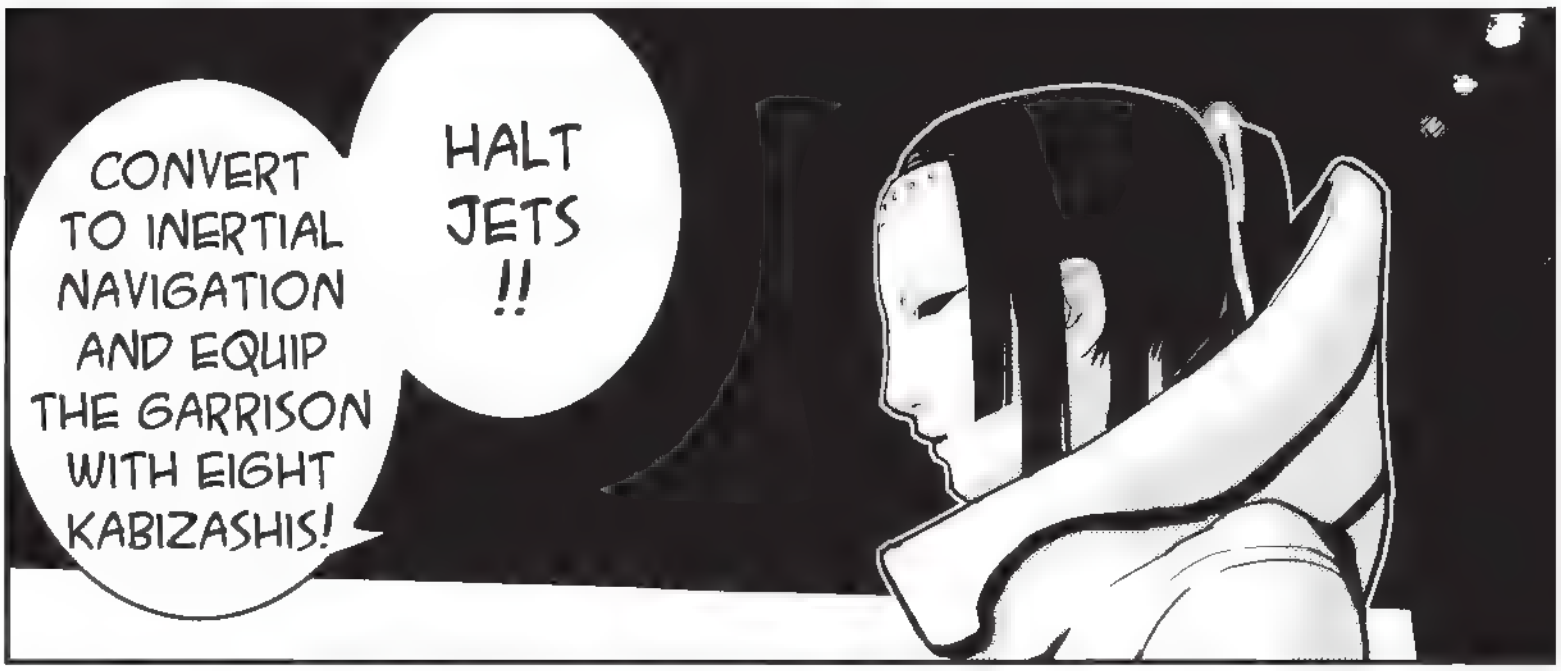
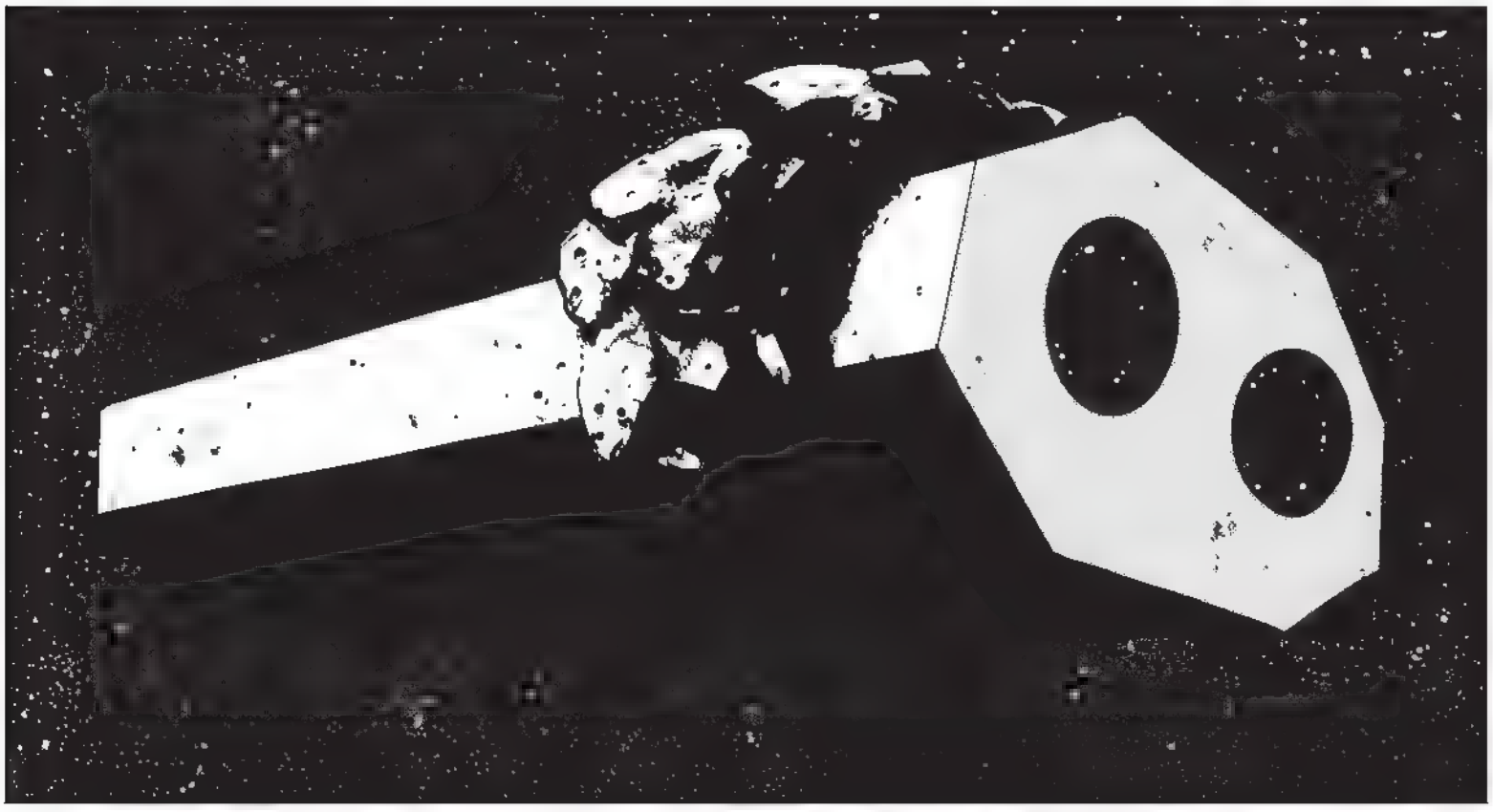
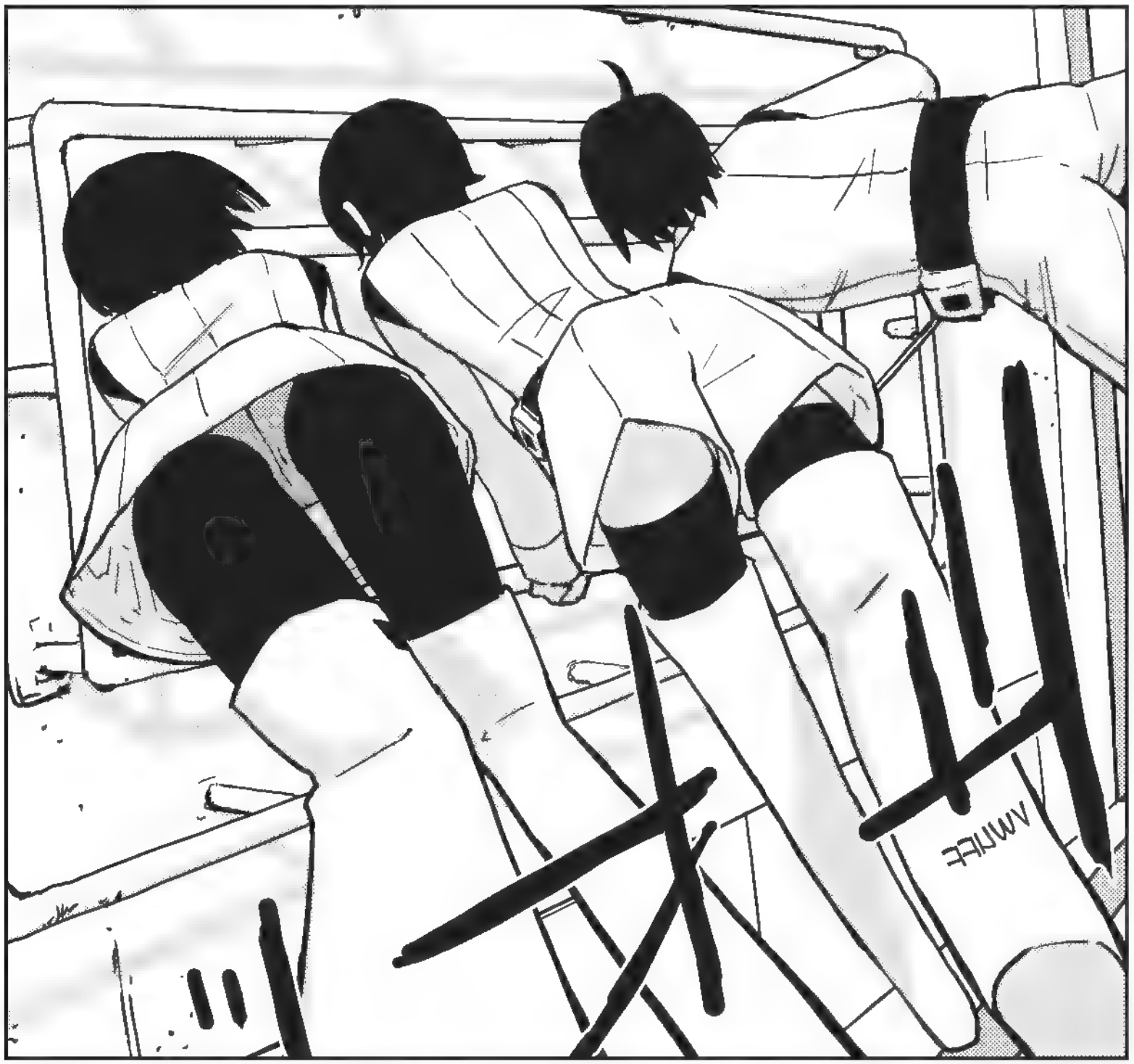

CONVERT TO INERTIAL NAVIGATION AND EQUIP THE GARRISON WITH EIGHT KABIZASHIS!
HALT JETS !!

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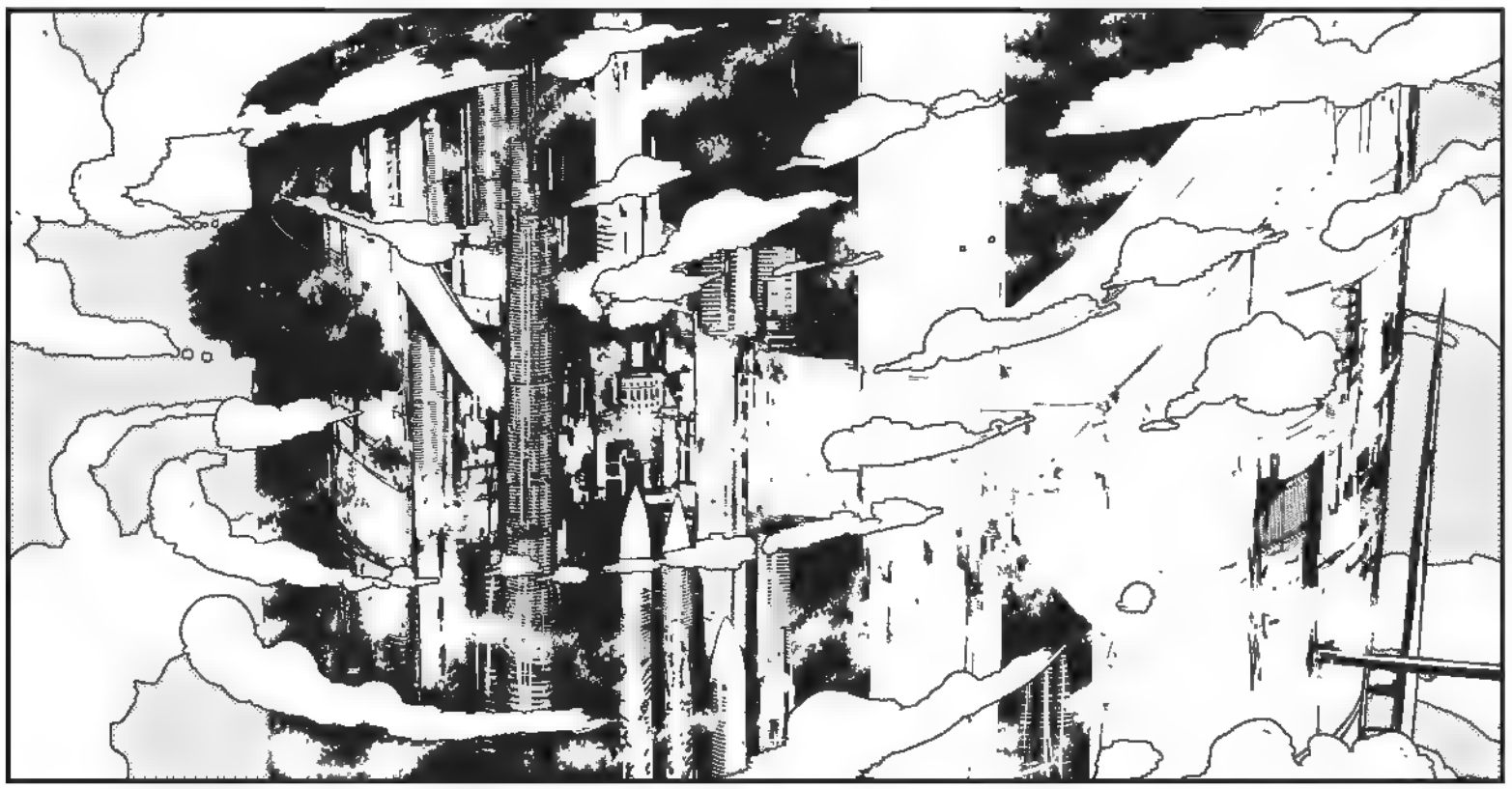
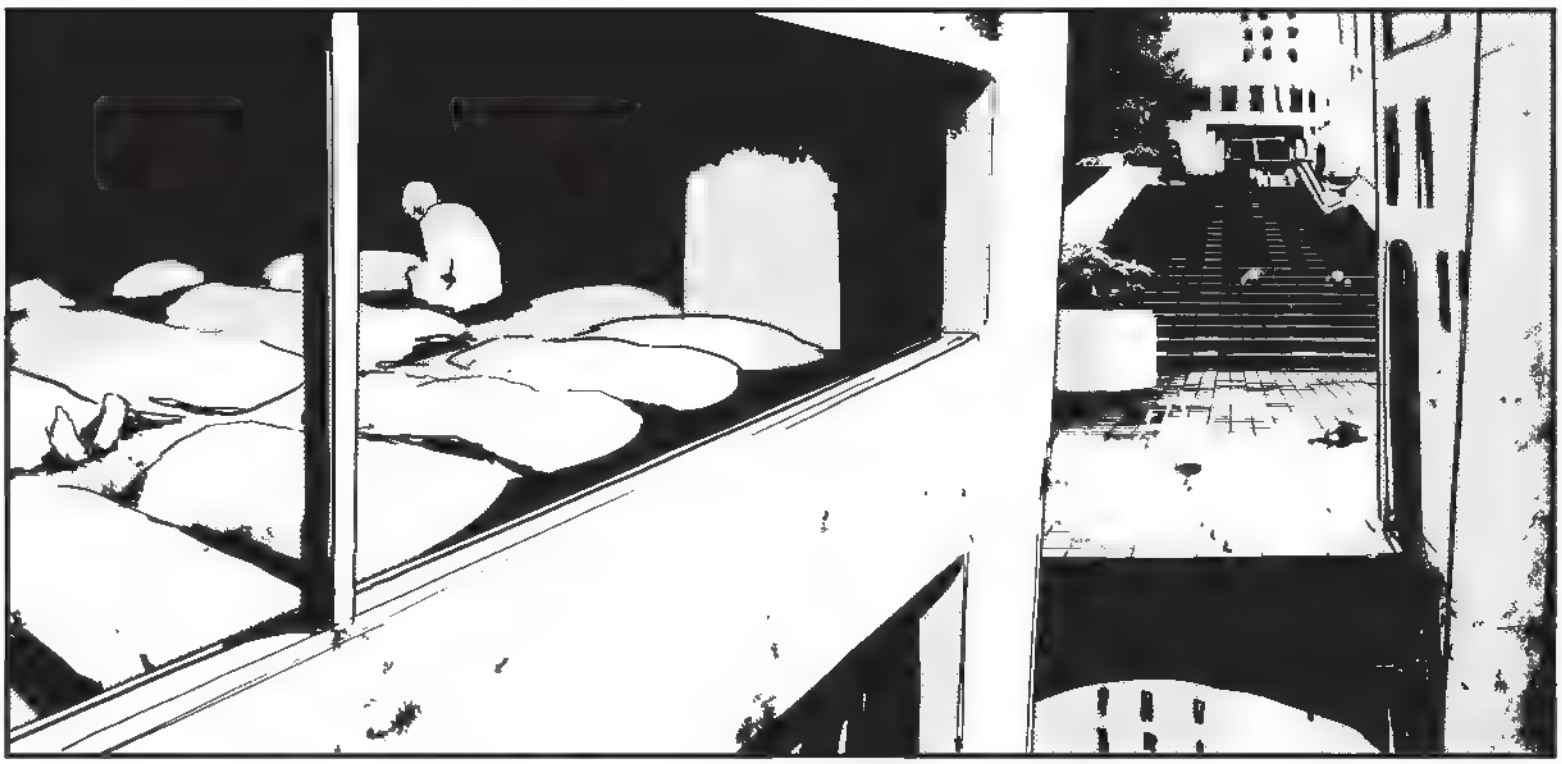
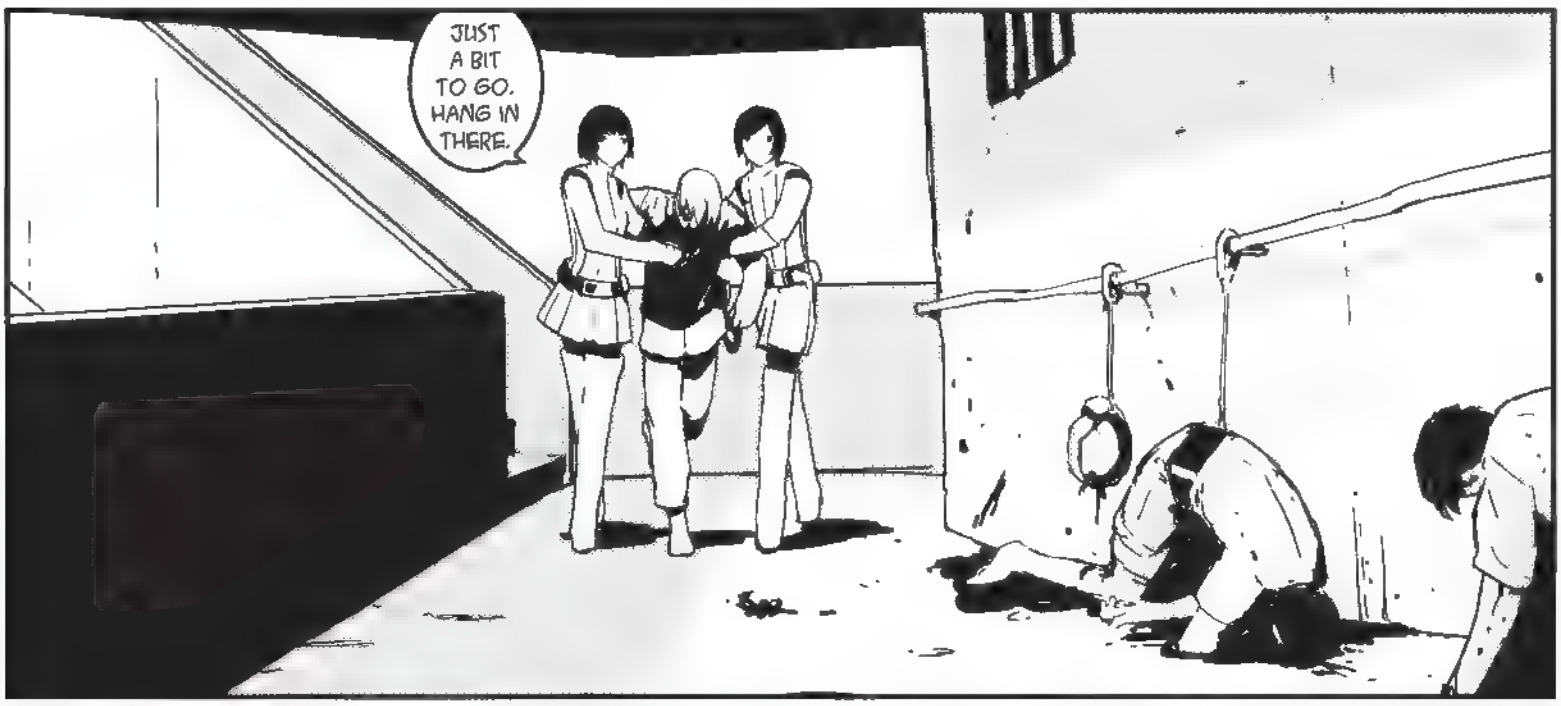




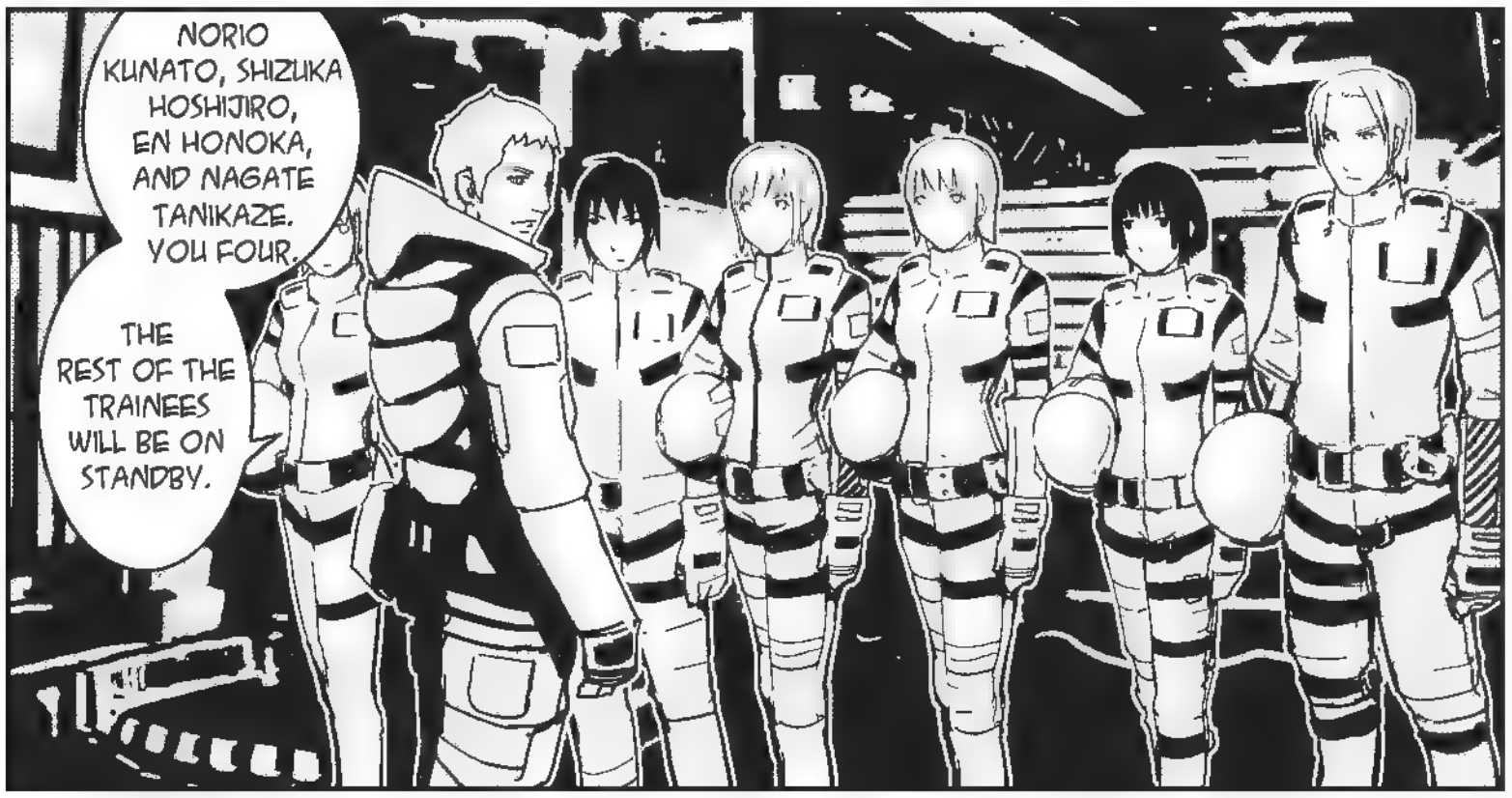

JUST A BIT TO GO. HANG IN THERE.

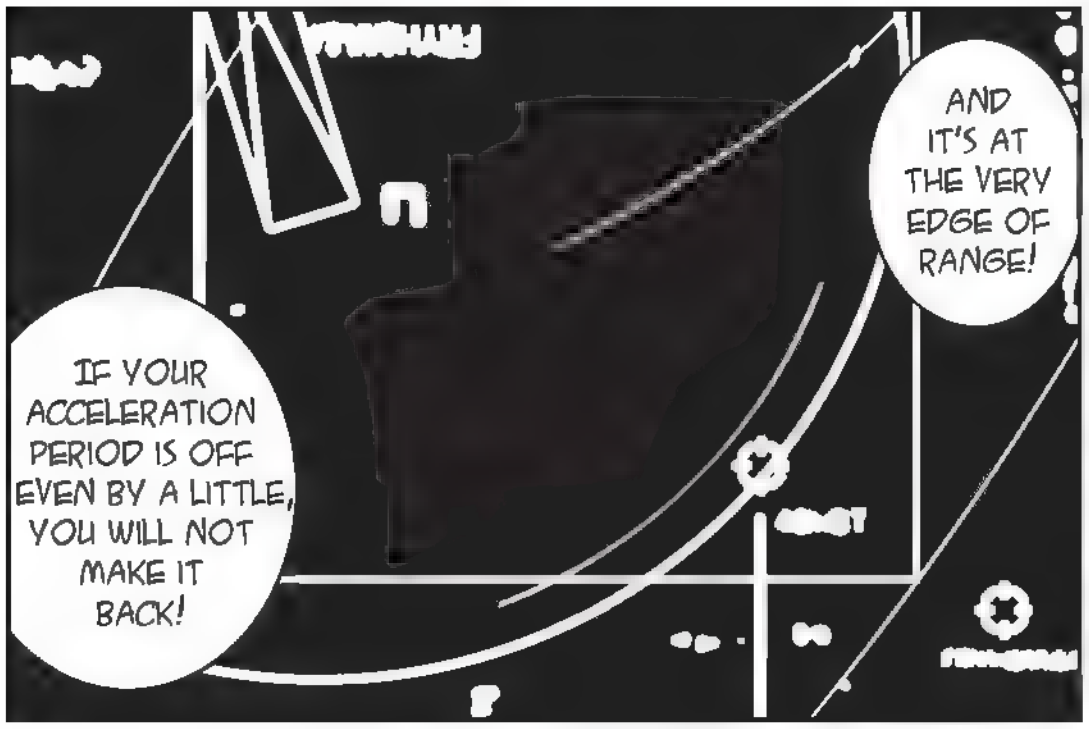
WE HAVE PEOPLE TO HELP.
IT'S JUST A FISH, TANIKAZE.

BTAM
BDAM

WE'RE BEING CALLED IN!

OH... I...


NORIO KUNATO, SHIZUKA HOSHIJIRO, EN HONOKA, AND NAGATE TANIKAZE. YOU FOUR,
THE REST OF THE TRAINEES WILL BE ON STANDBY.


AND IT'S AT THE VERY EDGE OF RANGE!
IF YOUR ACCELERATION PERIOD IS OFF EVEN BY A LITTLE, YOU WILL NOT MAKE IT BACK!

WE'VE GOT TWO KABIZASHIS ADRIFT. ONLY ONE CAN BE RETRIEVED.

UH, UM... ARE MR. AKAI AND THE OTHERS REALLY...

N- NOTHING. NEVER MIND...

DON'T EXPECT THE SIDONIA TO MAKE A 180° TURN AND DECELERATE TO RECOVER YOU!

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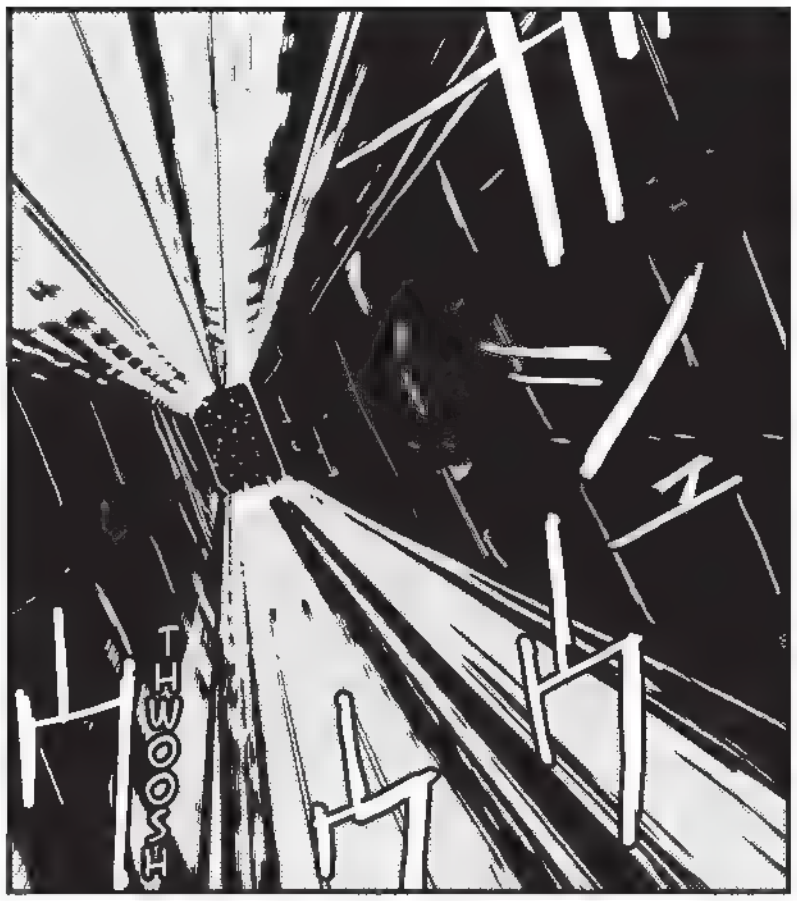
FWOOO

GWOM GWOM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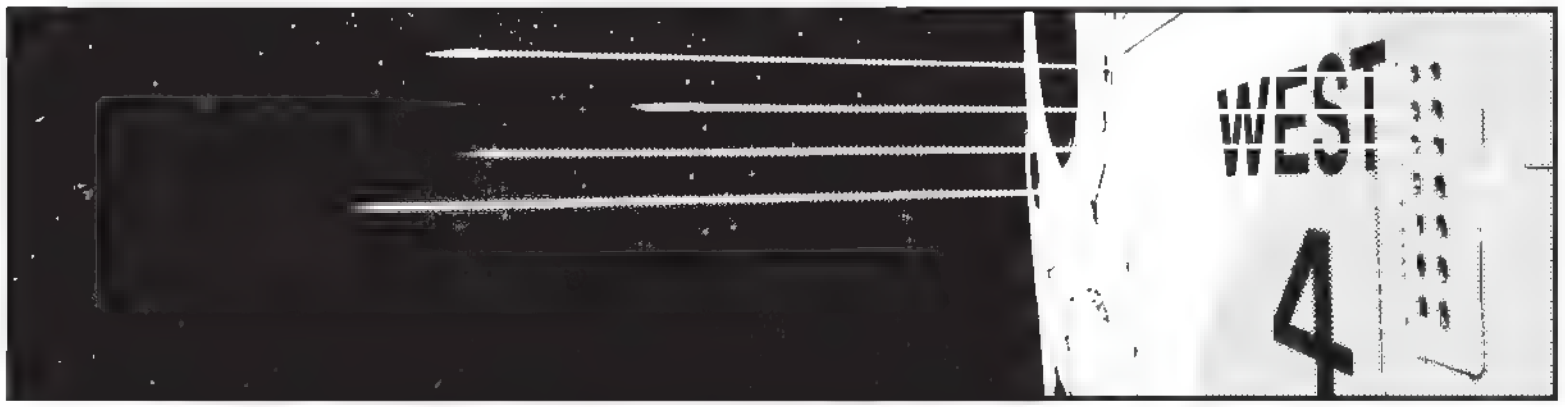
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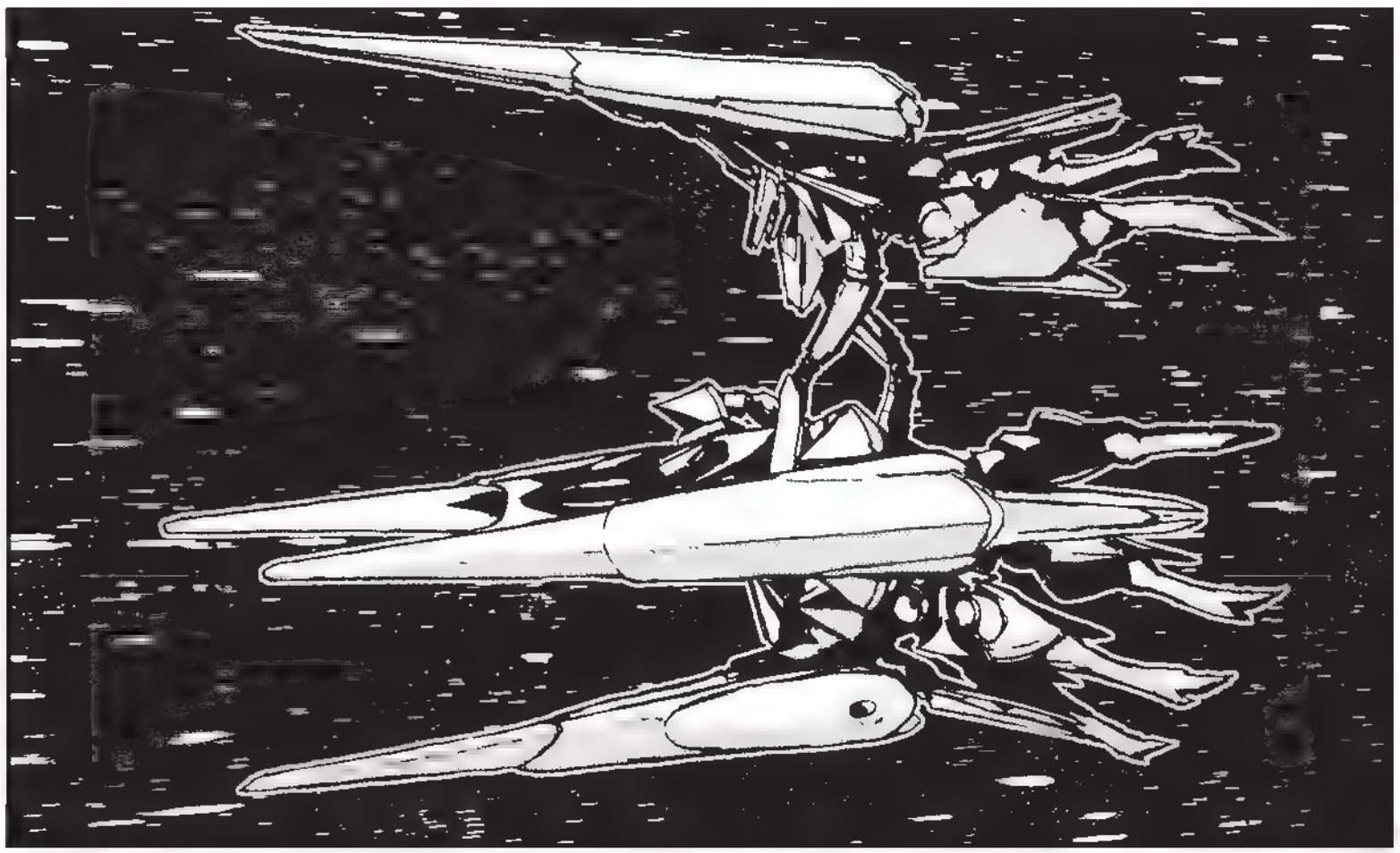

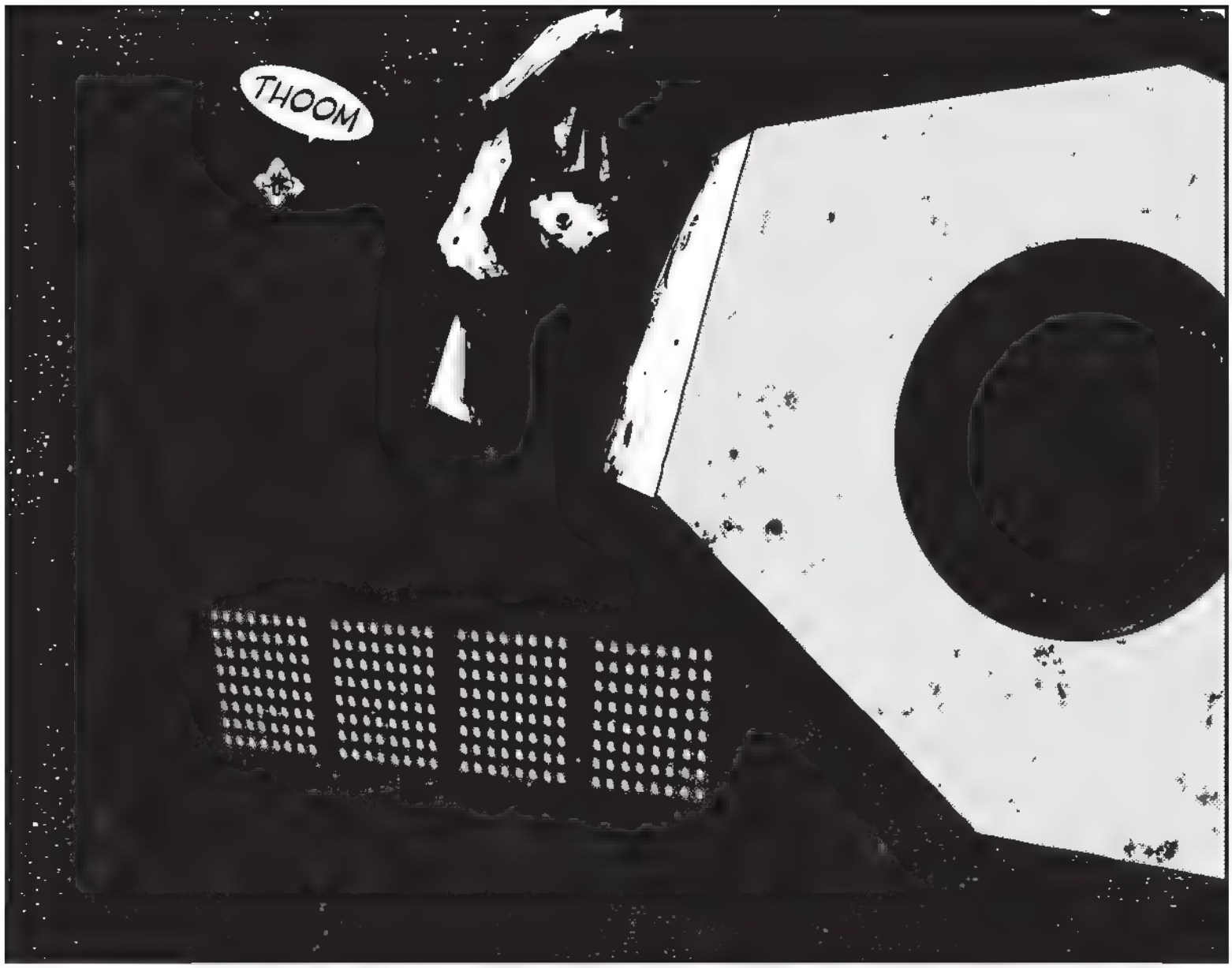
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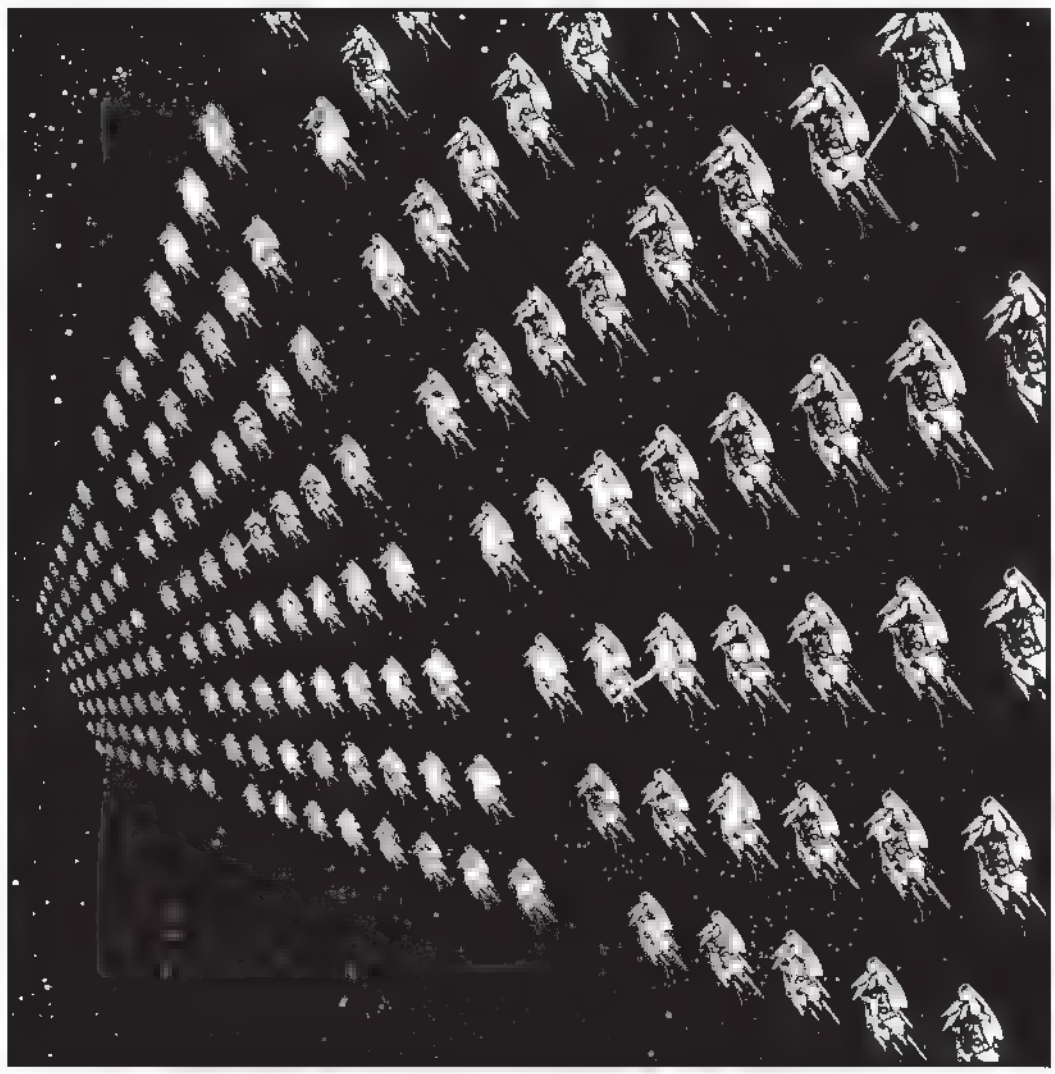
WHOA... SO MANY GARDES...



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KABI 8

9000 KILO UNITS TO THE GALINA.

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GARRISON DEPLOY-MENT COMPLETE !!

GOOD JOB.

?!

RECOVERY SQUAD TO BASE. WE HAVE SECURED THE KABIZASHI.

WE WILL NOW RETURN.

NORIO KUNATO

EN HONOKA

SHIZU

NAGATE TANIKAZE

IT'S FACING THE RECOVERY SQUAD.

THE GAUNA HAS CHANGED COURSE !!

ROG-ER.

ROG-ER.

ROG-ER.

THE GAUNA WON'T CATCH UP WITH A FOUR-UNIT CLASP ARRAY. REMAIN CALM, AND RETURN TO BASE.

ROGER.

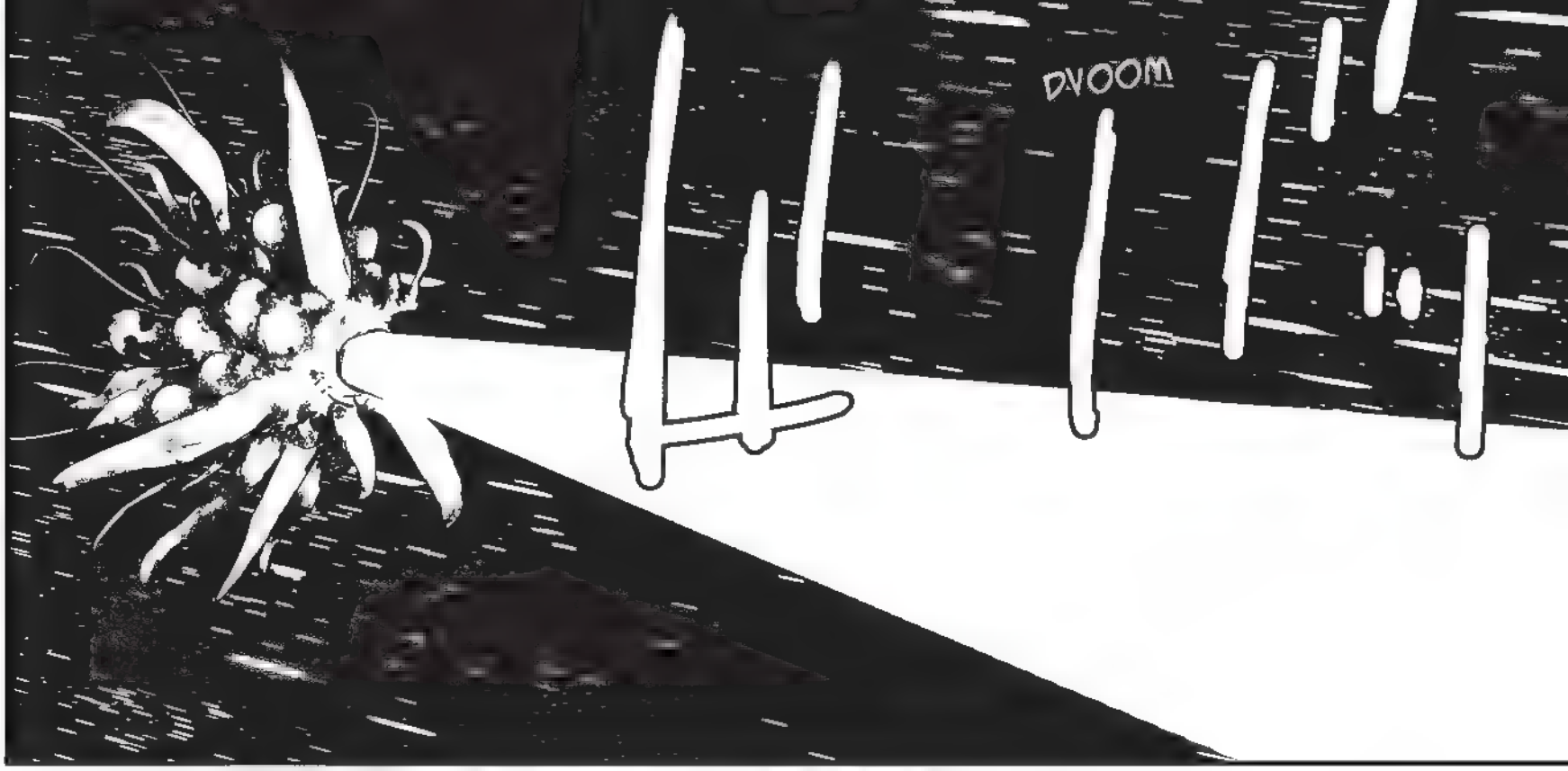
THE GAUNA HAS CHANGED ITS FORM OF PLACENTA AGAIN!!

!!

IS THAT ...

FLASH

RECOVERY SQUAD!! DISPERSE!!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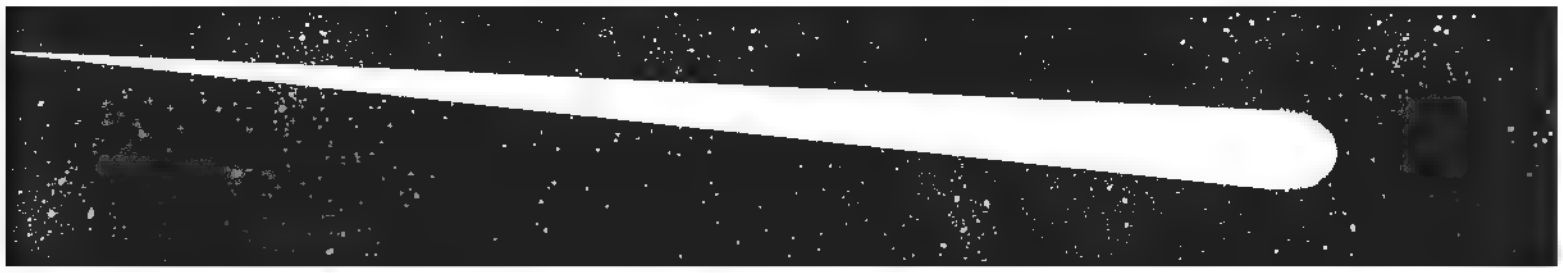

THE GAUNA ...

FIRED A HIGGS PARTICLE CANNON ...

GZZZ

HAHH

BEEP!!

BEEP!!

HAHH

ZZT

VZZTT

!

TANIKAZE UNIT AND PILOT BOTH SAFE!!

KUNATO AND HONOKA UNITS IMMOBILIZED! PILOTS ARE UNHARMED!

OPPOSITE 2!!

HOSHIJIRO! SLAM DOWN EXPULSION NOW!!

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HOSHIJIRO UNIT'S HIGGS ENGINE HAS GONE HAYWIRE!!

IT'S RAPIDLY ACCELERATING OPPOSITE TO SIDONIA'S COURSE!!

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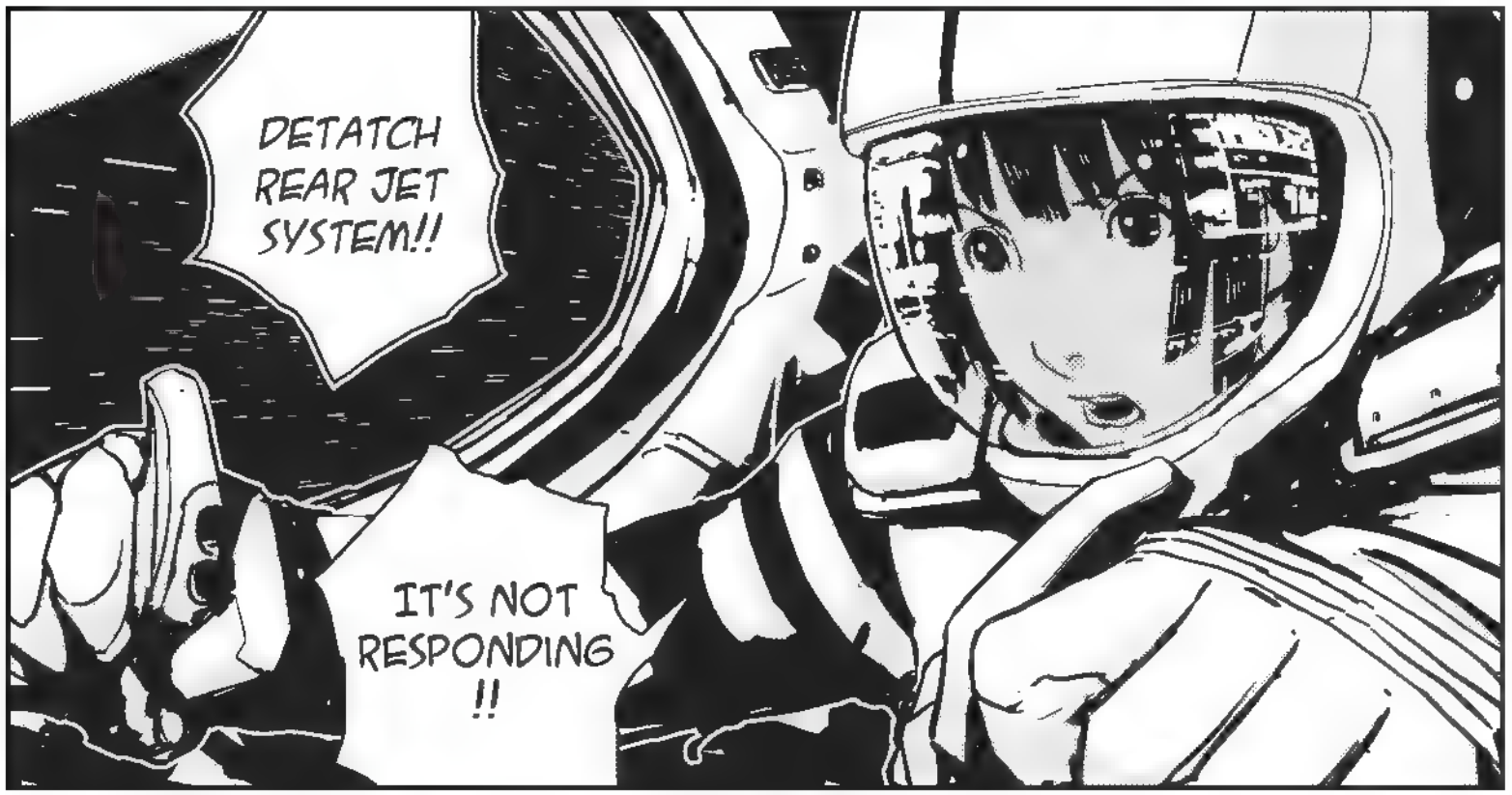
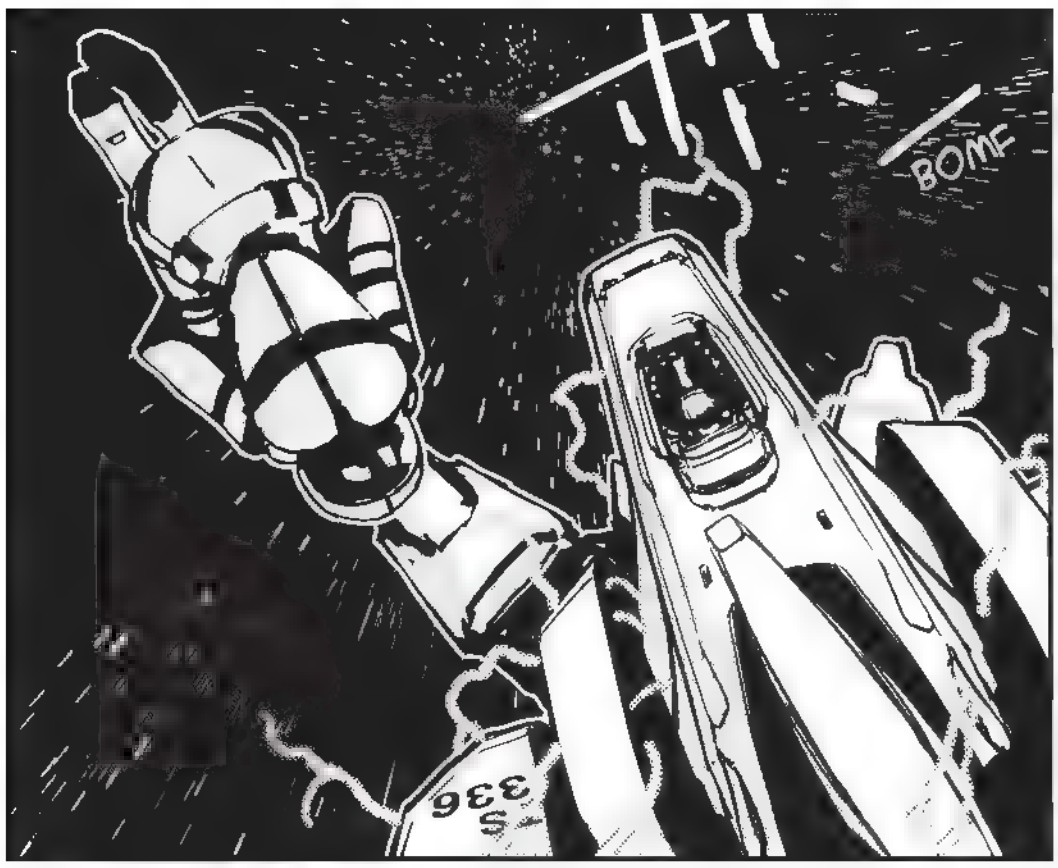
I CAN'T, CONTROLS ARE DOWN !!


DETATCH REAR JET SYSTEM!!
IT'S NOT RESPONDING !!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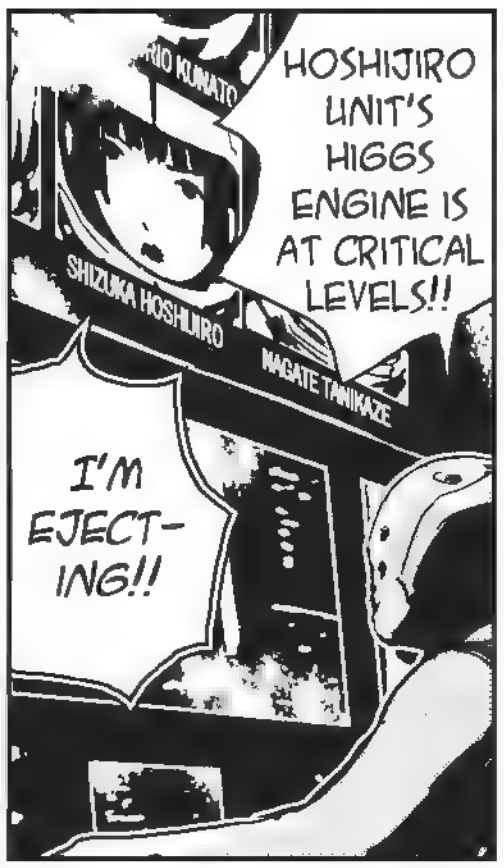
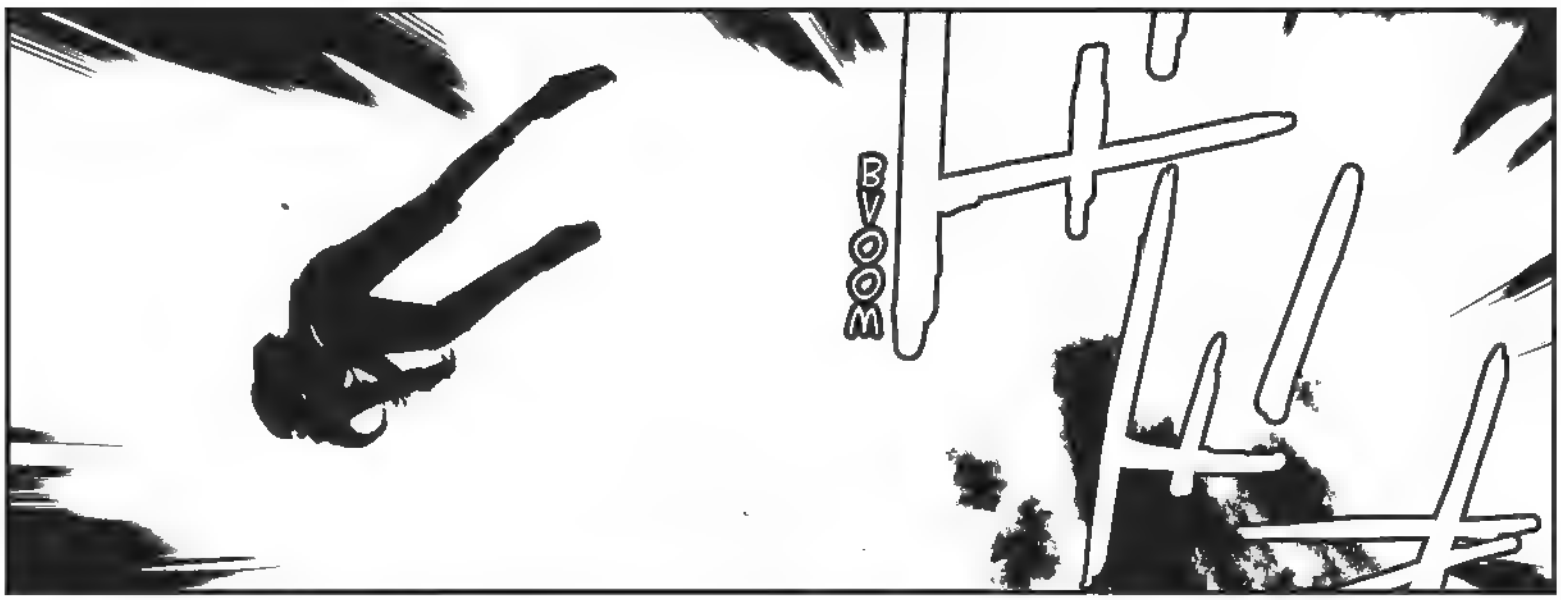

RIO KUNATO
HOSHIJIRO UNIT'S HIGGS ENGINE IS AT CRITICAL LEVELS!!
SHIZUKA HOSHIJIRO
MAGATE TANIKAZE
I'M EJECT-ING!!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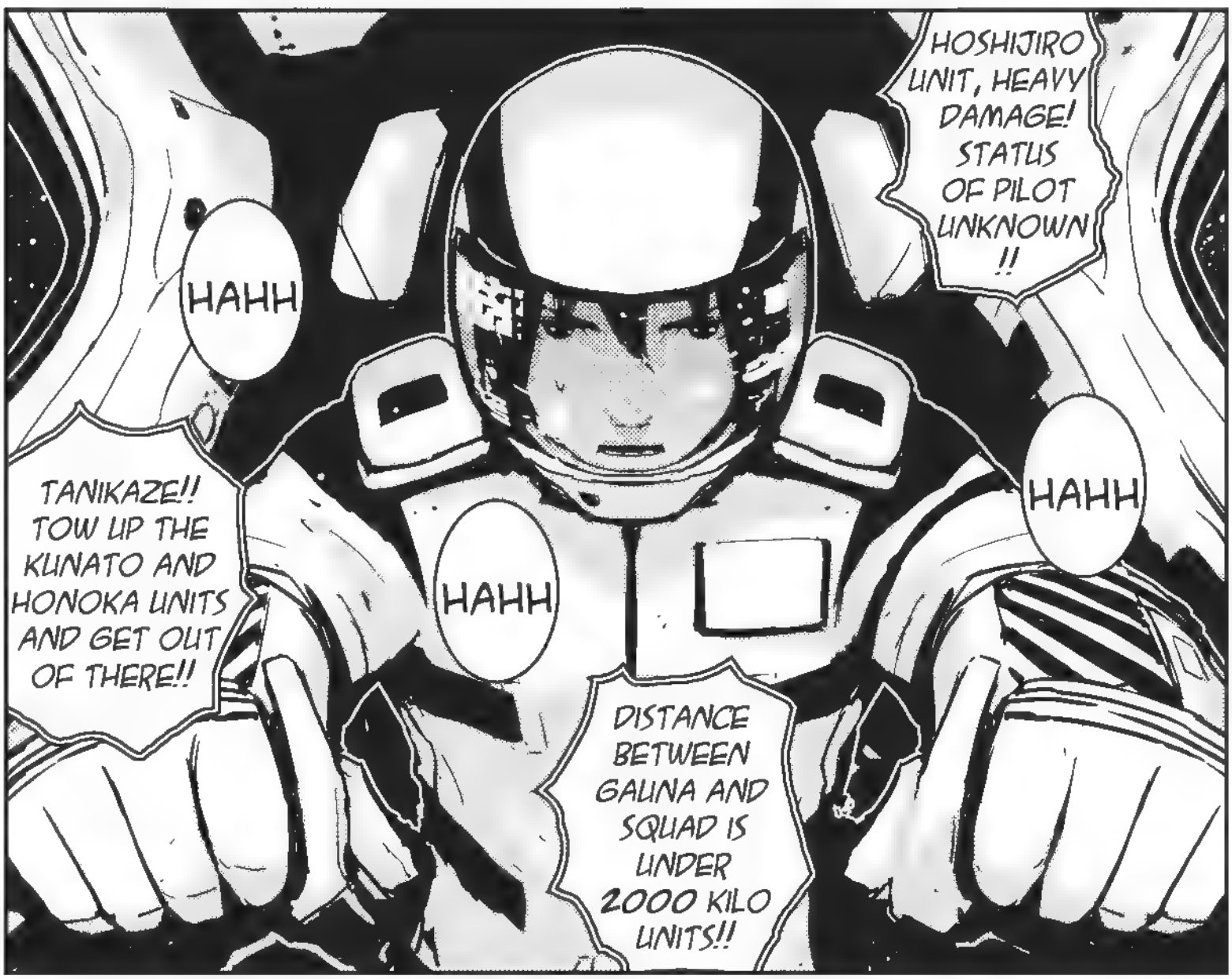
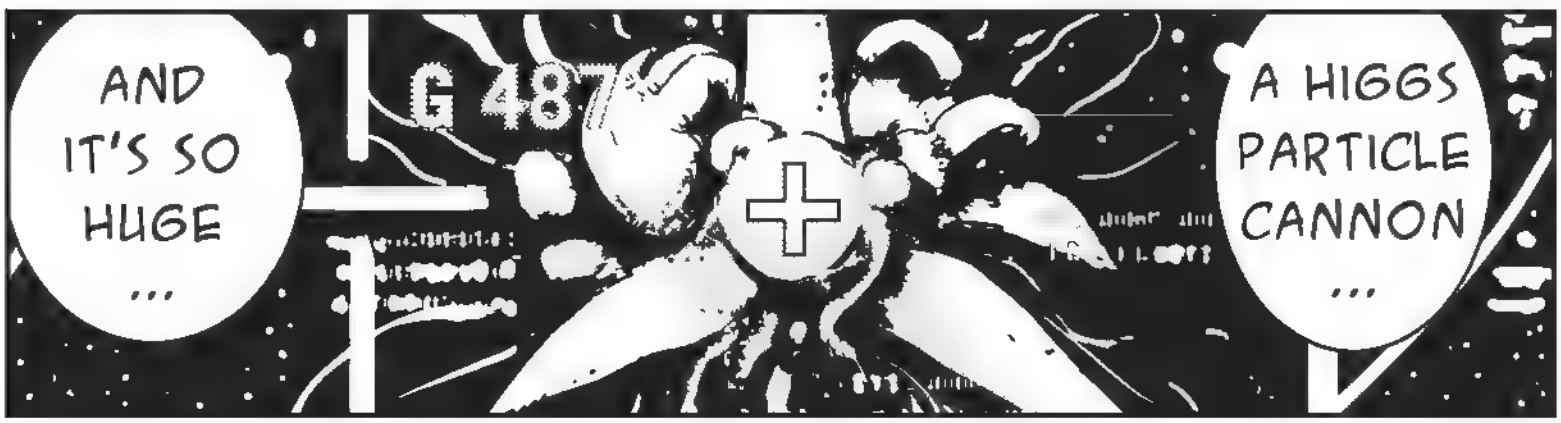

HOSHIJIRO UNIT, HEAVY DAMAGE! STATUS OF PILOT UNKNOWN !!
HAHH
TANIKAZE!! TOW UP THE KUNATO AND HONOKA UNITS AND GET OUT OF THERE!!
HAHH
HAHH
DISTANCE BETWEEN GALINA AND SQUAD IS UNDER 2000 KILO UNITS!!


AND IT'S SO HUGE ...
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A HIGGS PARTICLE CANNON ...

IN WHICH CASE ...

THAT RED GLOW... LOOKS LIKE A HIGGS DISTRIBUTOR ...

I'M BORROWING THIS KABIZASHI, KUNATO.

TANI-KAZE! YOU ...!!

HEY! WHAT ARE YOU UP TO ?!!

vwum

HAHH

HAHH

ARE YOU TRYING TO BE THE TARGET?! STOP!!

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GAUNA IS ON COURSE TO TANIKAZE UNIT!!

TANI-KAZE!!

CONFIRMING PRELIMINARY ACTION FOR HIGGS PARTICLE EMISSION IN GAUNA!

IT'S GOING TO FIRE!!

HAHH

NAGATE, WHY...

HAHH

HAHH

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FLASH

THE GALINA HAS FIRED!!

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AAH !!

VWSH

KTANK

VZZRR

VWUM

BWOOM

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2—
1—

DISTANCE FROM TANIKAZE UNIT, 4—3—

NO CHANGE IN COURSE !!

HE WENT FOR A HIGGS INTER-FERENCE EXPLOSION ...

MAJOR DAMAGE TO GALINA'S PLACENTA !!

CORE EXPOSED !!!

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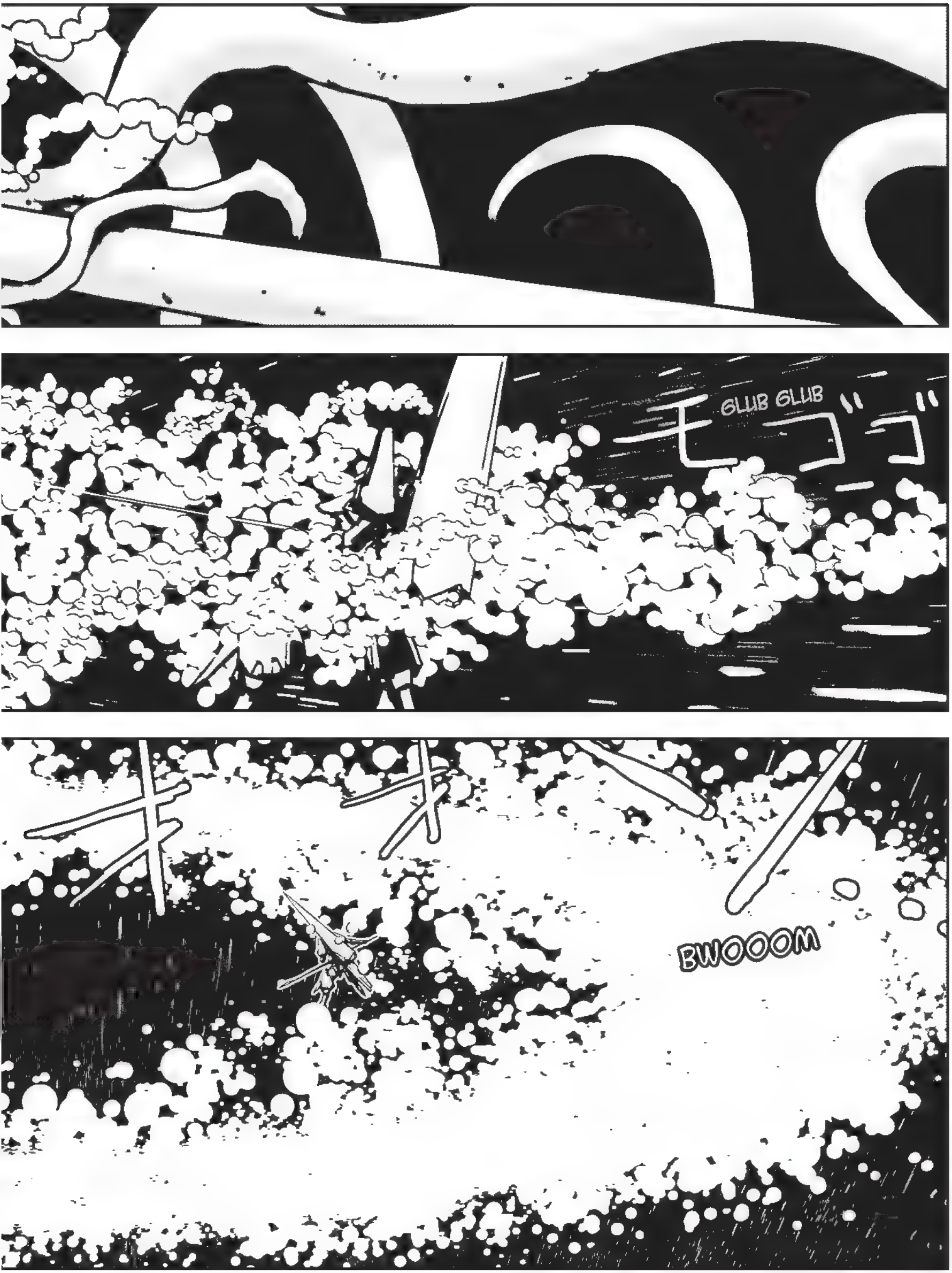
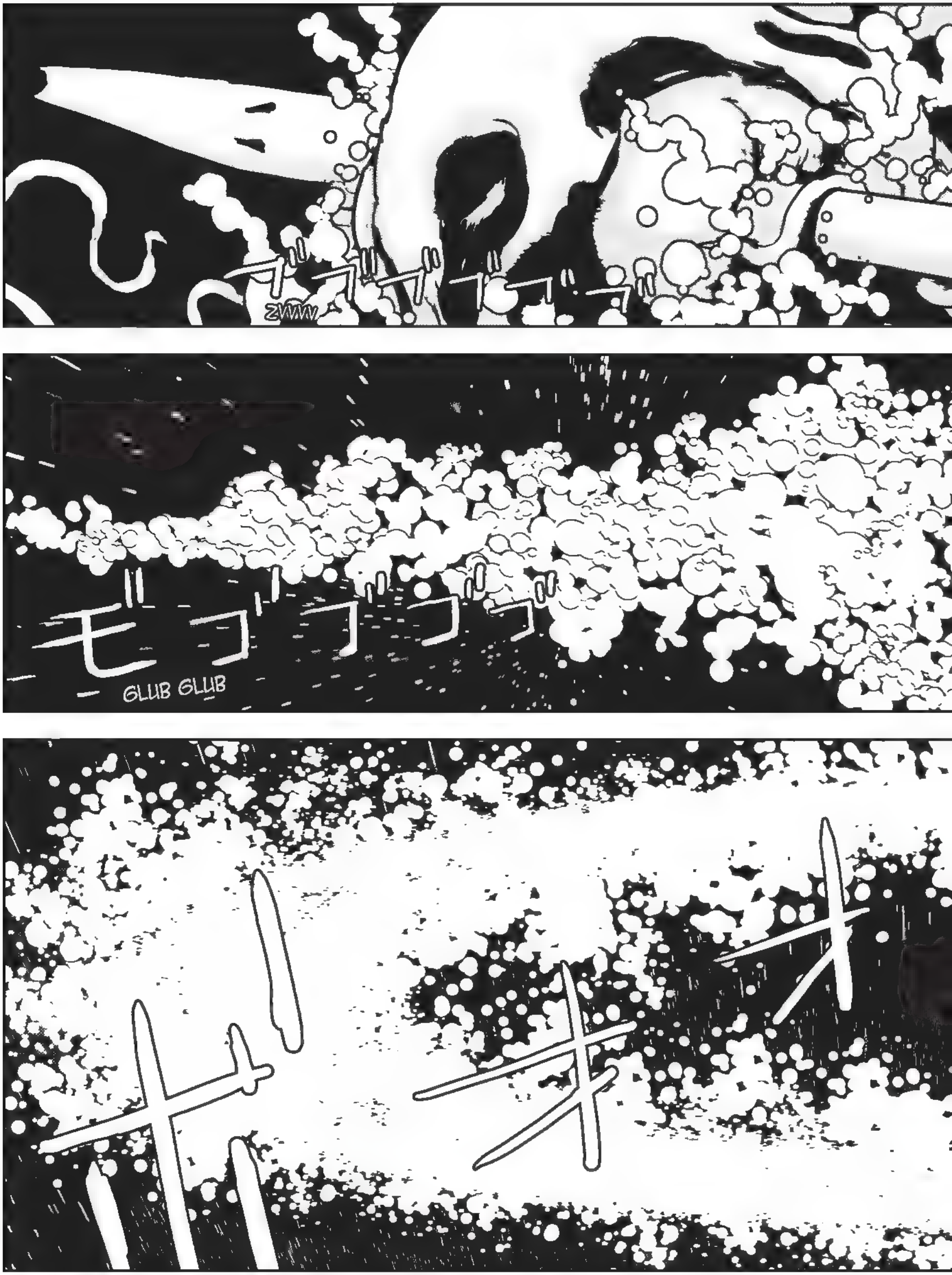
WHAM


GLUB GLUB
BWOOOM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GLUB GLUB

TH-THE TANIKAZE UNIT HAS DESTROYED THE GAUNA!!

CONFIRMING RUPTURE OF GAUNA CORE !!

BZZ... I... ALL... RIGHT. BZZ

BZZ... BZZT... YES...

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ARE YOU OKAY? RESPOND !

TANI-KAZE !!

RAAAAHH

YESSS

UH, UM, PLEASE SALVAGE KUNATO AND HONOKA.

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WHAT?! WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

TANIKAZE, WAIT!! HEY!!

I'LL LEAVE THE KABIZASHI WITH KUNATO.

I'M GOING TO GO LOOK FOR HOSHIJIRO!

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TANIKAZE UNIT IS ABOUT TO PASS THE RETURN BOUNDARY !!

NORIO KUNATO

SHIZUKA HOSHIJIRO

STILL NO INFORMATION ON SHIZUKA HOSHIJIRO!

NAGATE TANIKAZE

EN HONOKA

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BZZ... YES... BZZZ I KN... BZ

BZZ... M SORRY... ZZ... BZZT

TANIKAZE!! WILLFUL CROSSING OF THE RETURN BOUNDARY IS A VIOLATION OF OUR SHIP'S REGULATIONS!!

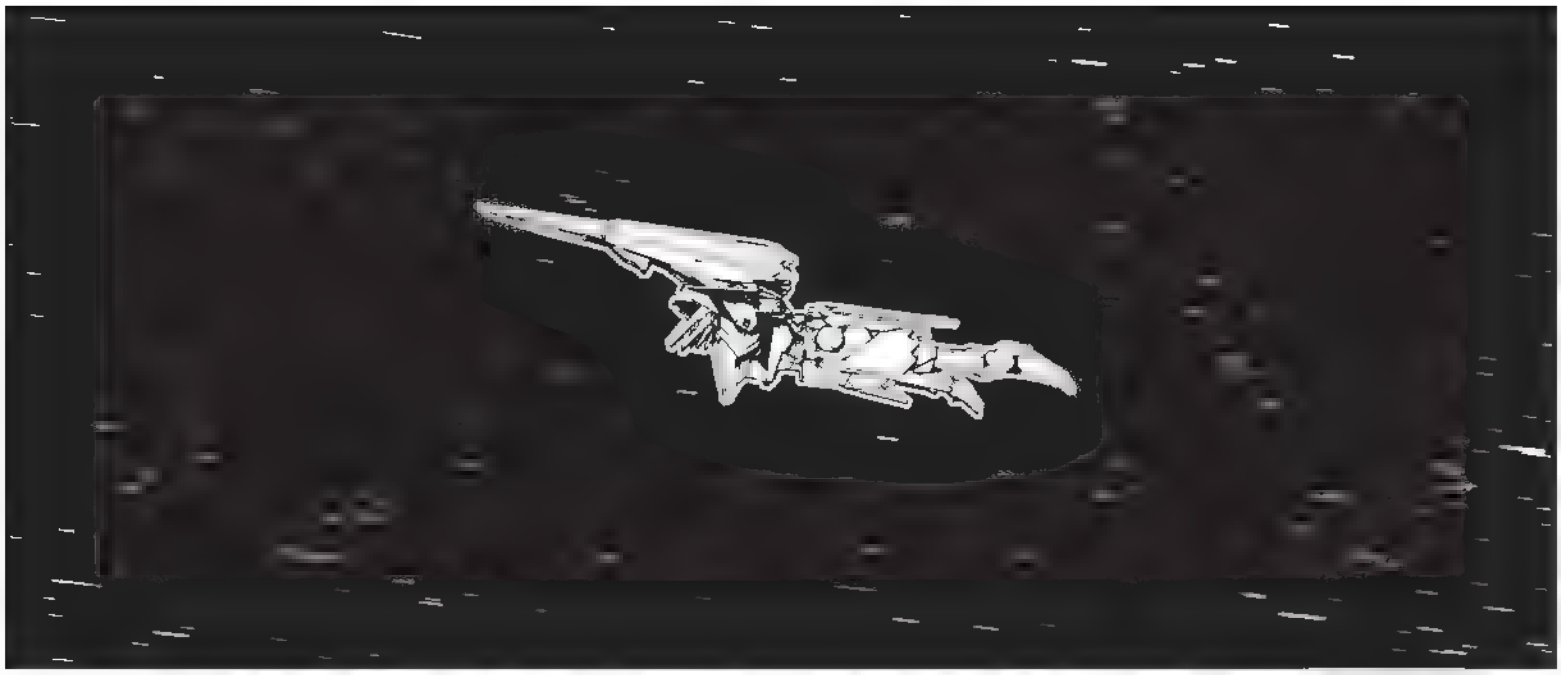
IF YOU GO ANY FARTHER, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO COME BACK TO SIDONIA, EITHER!! DON'T YOU KNOW THAT?!

COMMU-NICATION SEVERED!

PLEASE BE CAUTIOUS !!

HIGGS PARTICLE NEARLY DEPLETED !!

TANIKAZE UNIT BADLY IMPAIRED !!



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BEEEP
SHE SHOULD BE AROUND HERE.
BEEEP

I KNOW THE DIRECTION AND SPEED HOSHIJIRO WAS GOING WHEN SHE EJECTED ...

WHR RRR

REMAINING HIGGS: NONE

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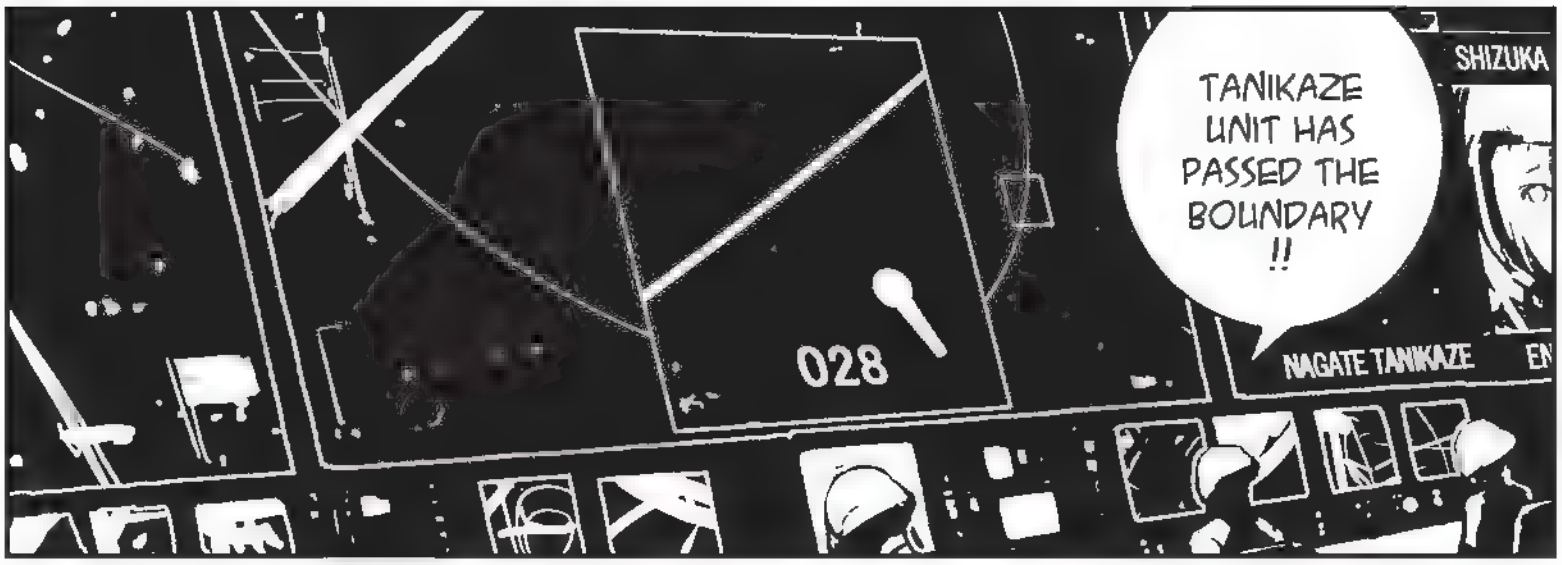
BUZZ

HOSHI-JIRO !!!


TANIKAZE UNIT HAS PASSED THE BOUNDARY !!
SHIZUKA
NAGATE TANIKAZE
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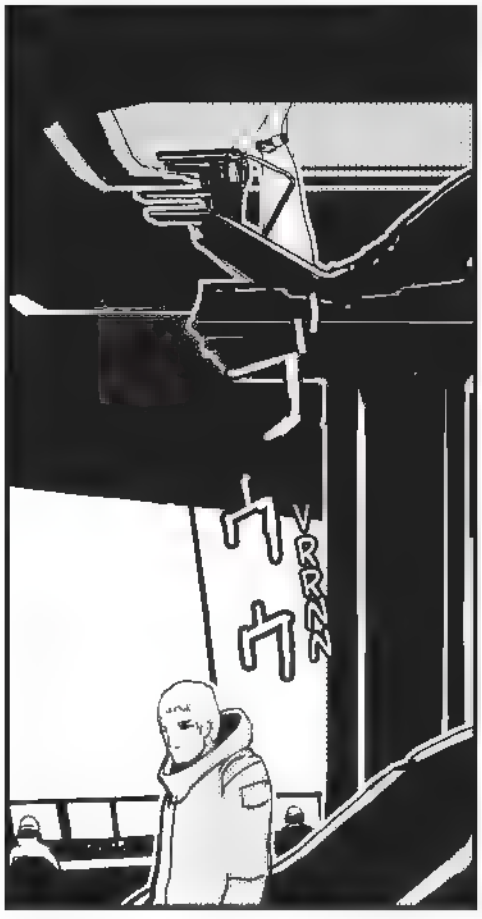
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VRRZZZ

HANDLE THE REST.

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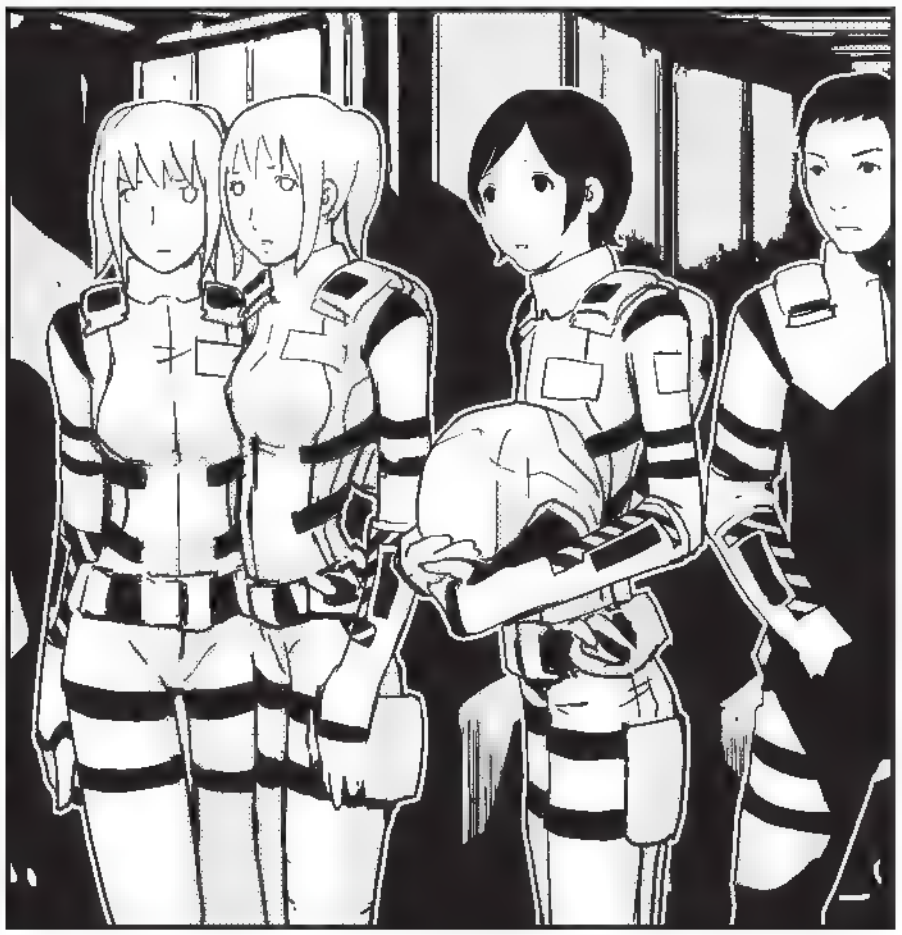

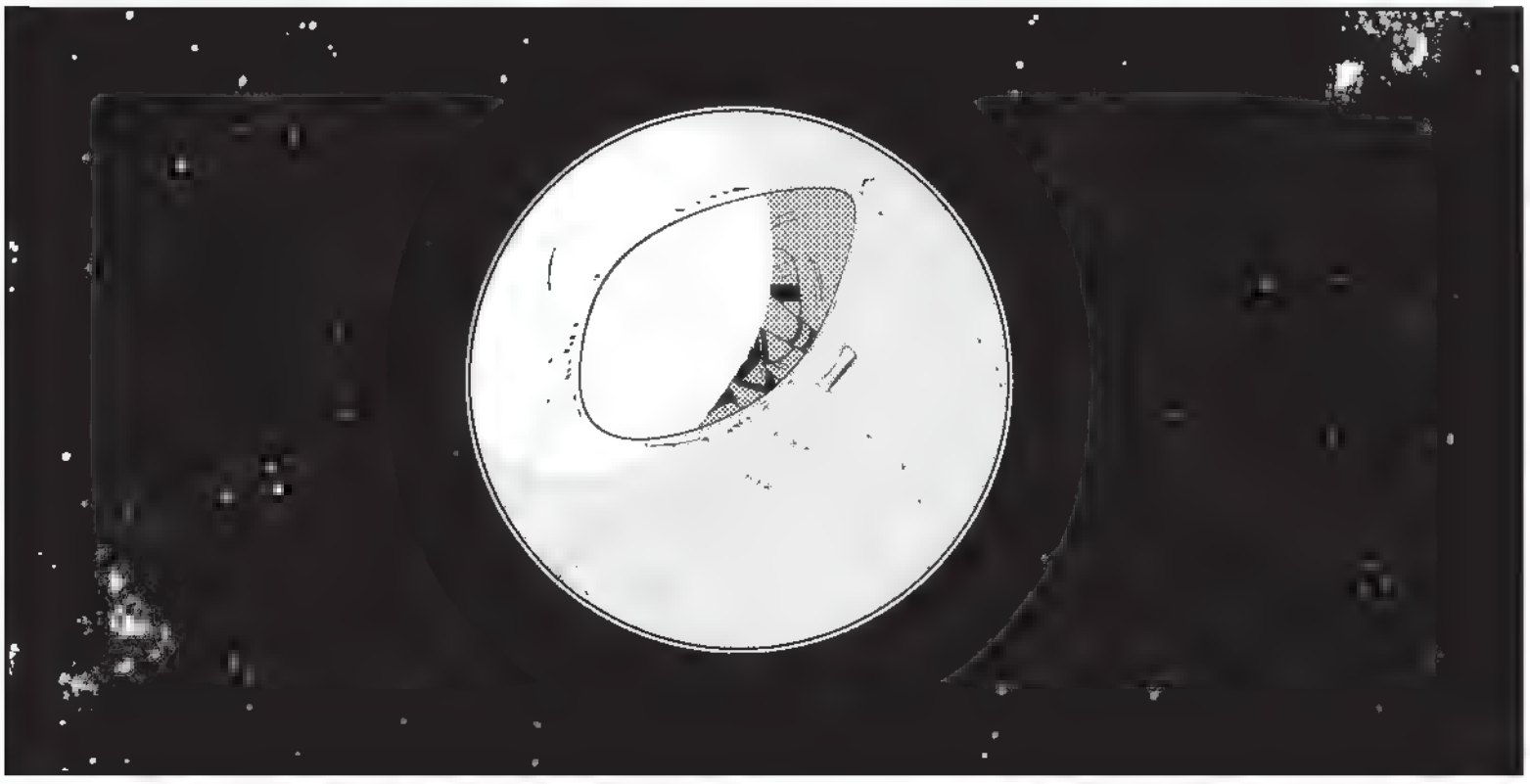

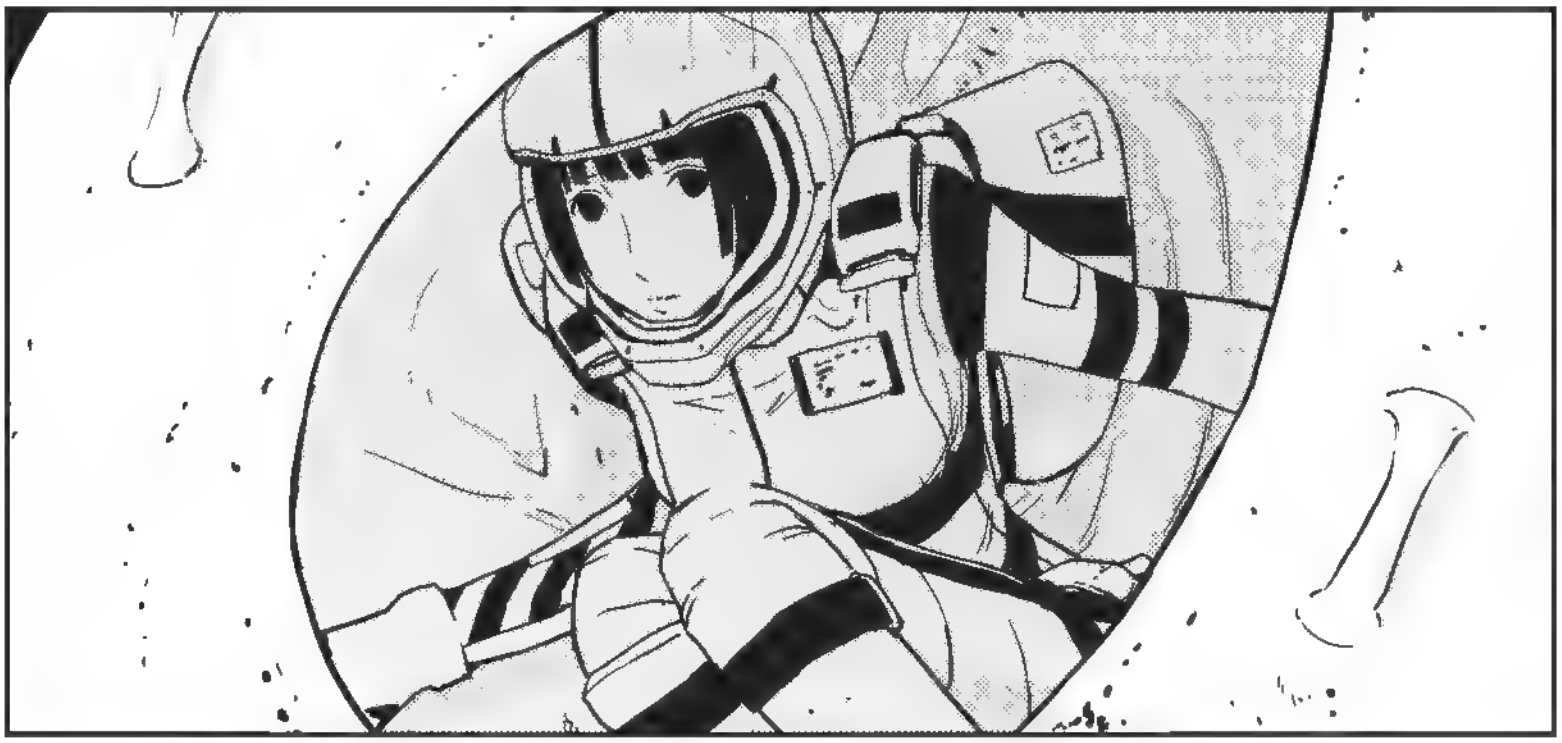

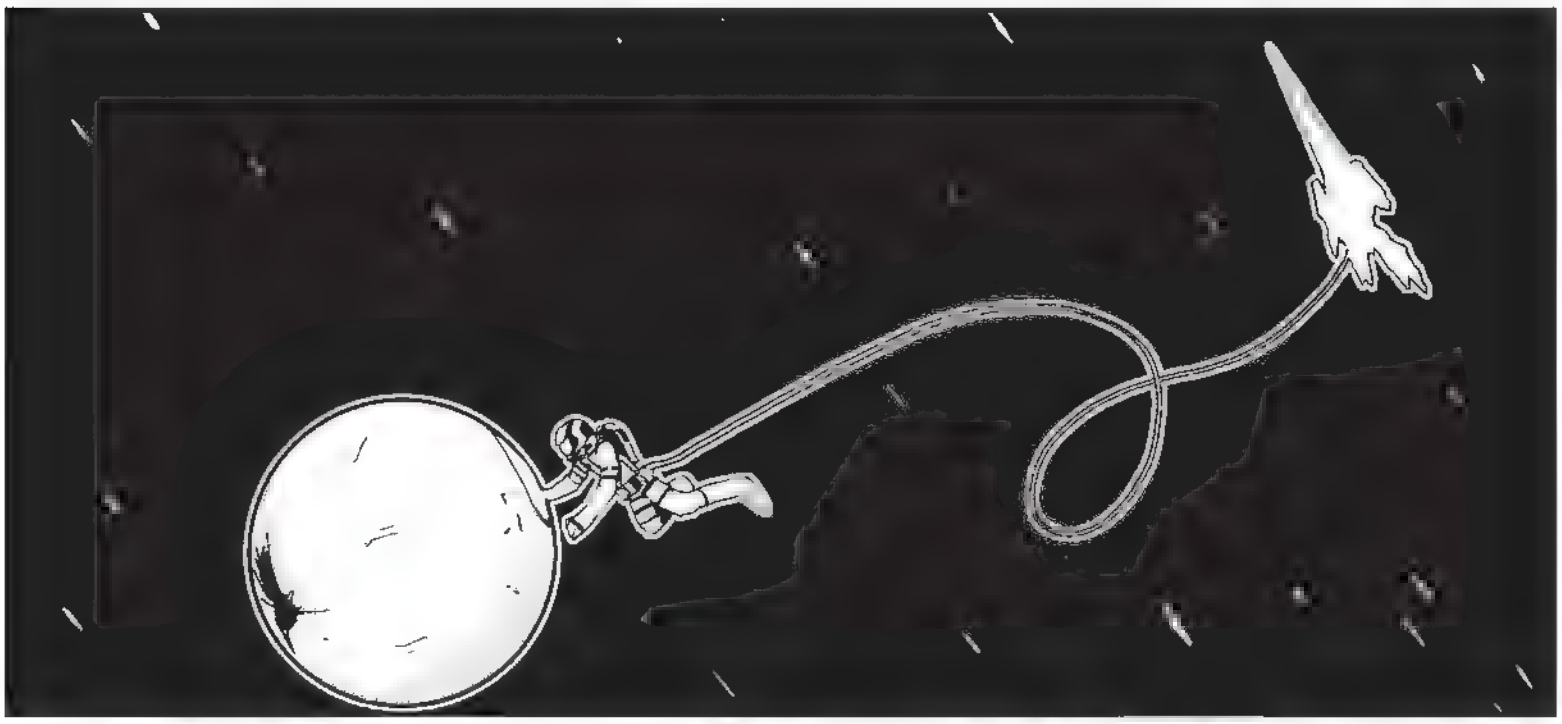

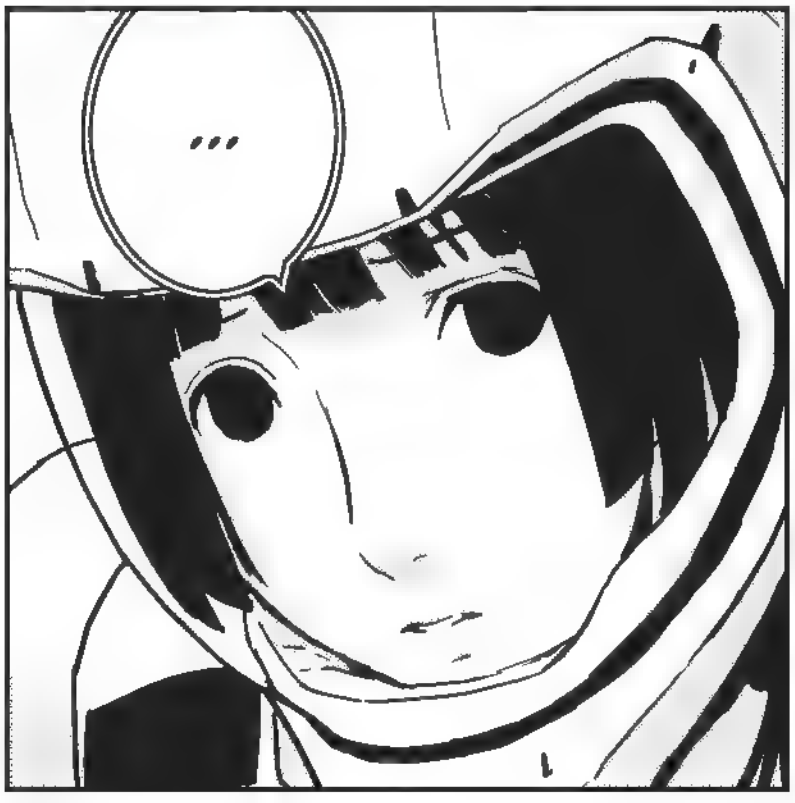
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HOSHI-
JIRO
!!

HOSHIJIRO... ACTUALLY, I'M OUT OF HIGGS PARTICLES.

I KNOW.

I HEARD EVERY-THING...

THERE'S NO NEED... FOR YOU TO DIE TOO, TANIKAZE!!

YOU EVEN DEFEATED THE GAUNA ...

SORRY. I THOUGHT I MIGHT MAKE IT IN TIME.

I... DIDN'T ANSWER BECAUSE I DIDN'T WANT THIS TO HAPPEN...

GWOM
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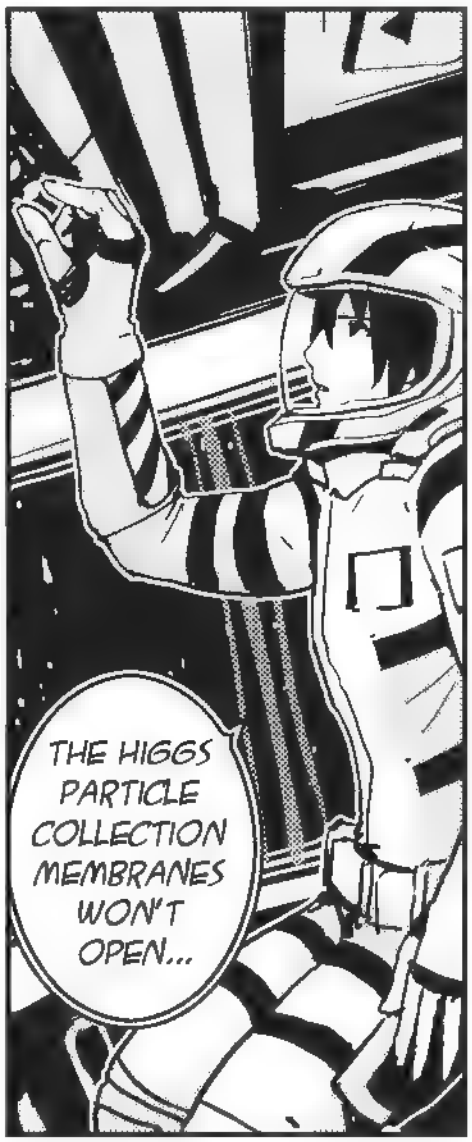
NOT LIKE THERE'S ANY CHANCE, BUT JUST IN CASE SIDONIA STOPS, WE NEED TO BE READY TO CATCH UP...
I'LL TRY AND UNFOLD THEM MANUALLY.


THE HIGGS PARTICLE COLLECTION MEMBRANES WON'T OPEN...

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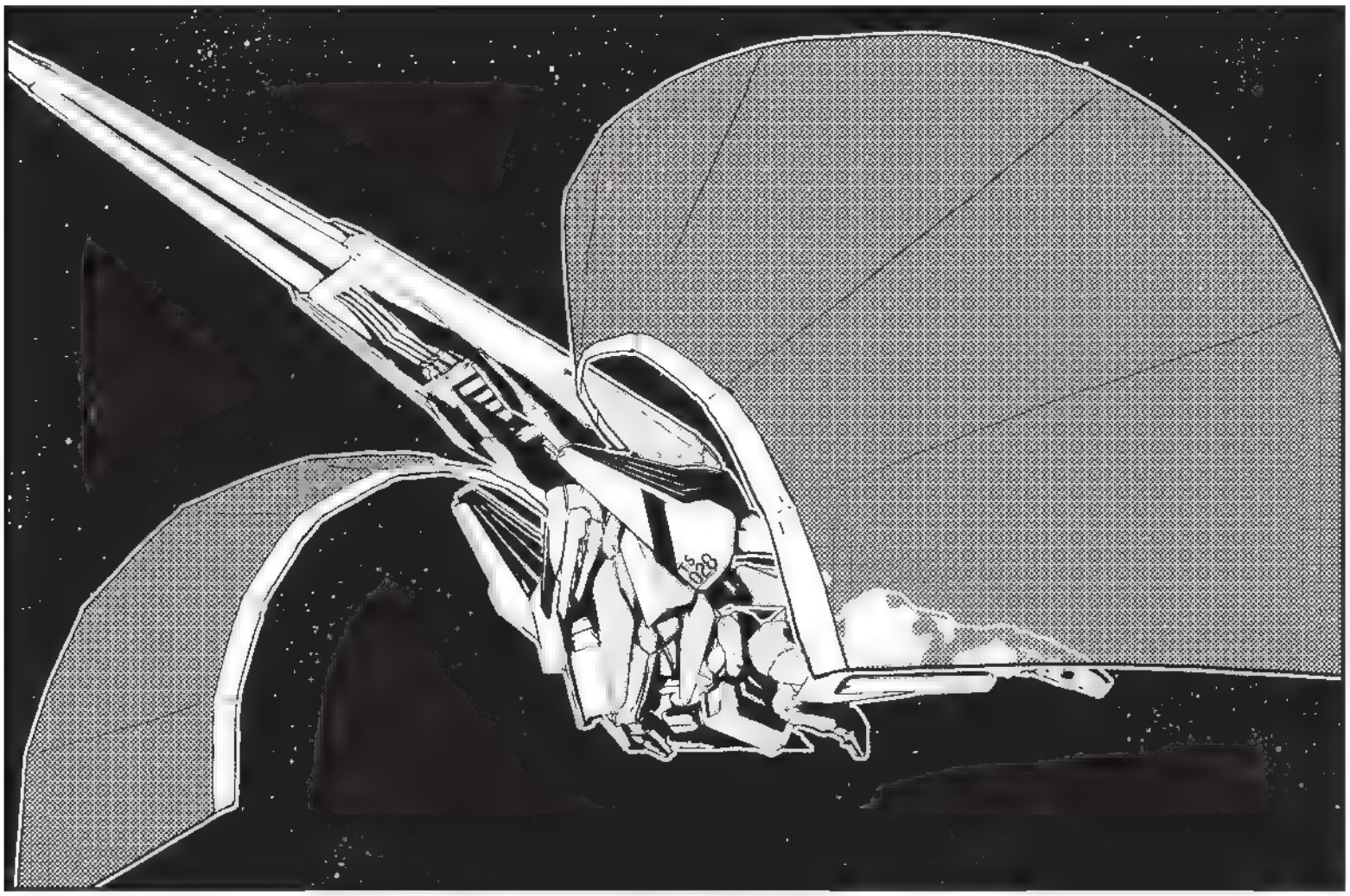
I'LL BE FEELING HUNGRY ...

Toha Heavy Industries



GLUG
GLUG

YOU'RE UP?! WAIT, TANIKAZE! I'M PHOTO-SYNTHESIZING !!
UH OH... I SHOULDN'T HAVE HAD SO MUCH.
WHEW ...

WHA
?

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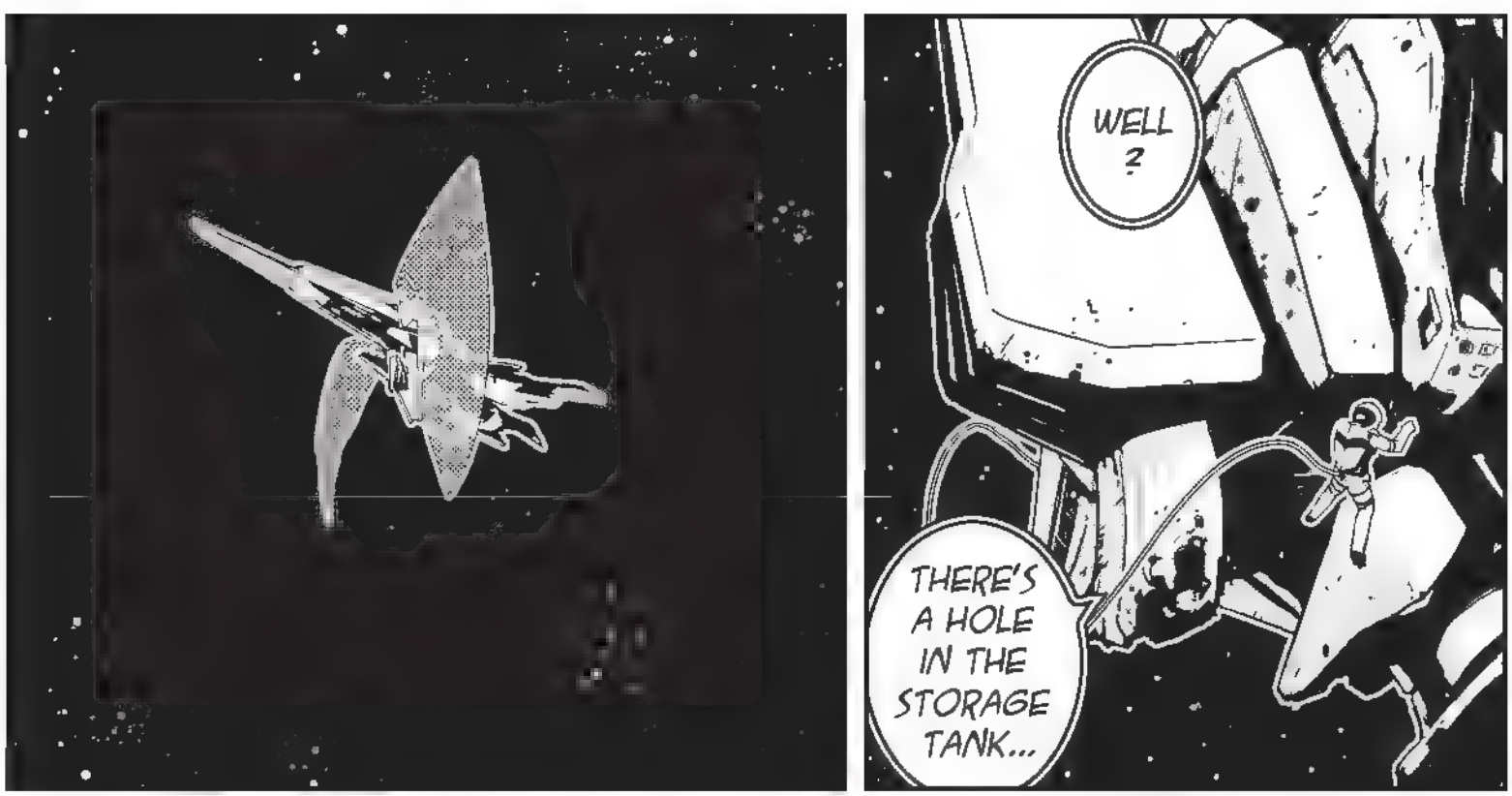
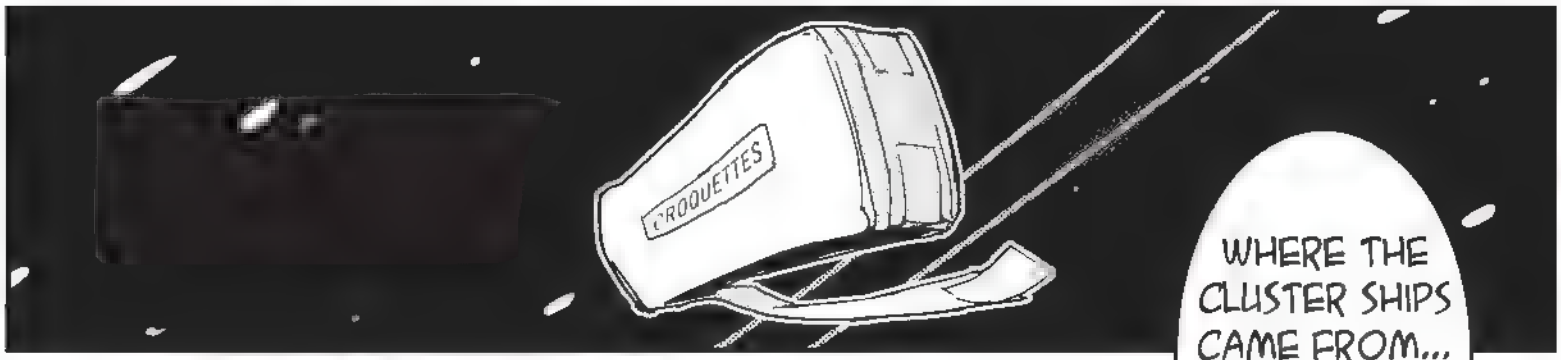
WAH
SORRY
!

THE INDICATOR SAYS THERE'S PLENTY LEFT...
GCHUK
WATER'S NOT COMING OUT!
HUH ?!
GCHUK
GCHUK

IT'S SHOWING THE SAME LEVEL AS YESTERDAY.
WHAT ?!


WELL ?
THERE'S A HOLE IN THE STORAGE TANK...

ELEVEN DAYS LATER



FROM THE FIRST ENCOUNTER TO THE PRESENT, WE'VE LEARNED ALMOST NOTHING ...

AFTER ALL, WE'VE NEVER EVEN ONCE MANAGED TO COMMUNICATE WITH THEM...

GRRRM

IT WAS ALMOST A HUNDRED YEARS AFTER THE FIRST ENCOUNTER, BUT THAT WAS NEW.

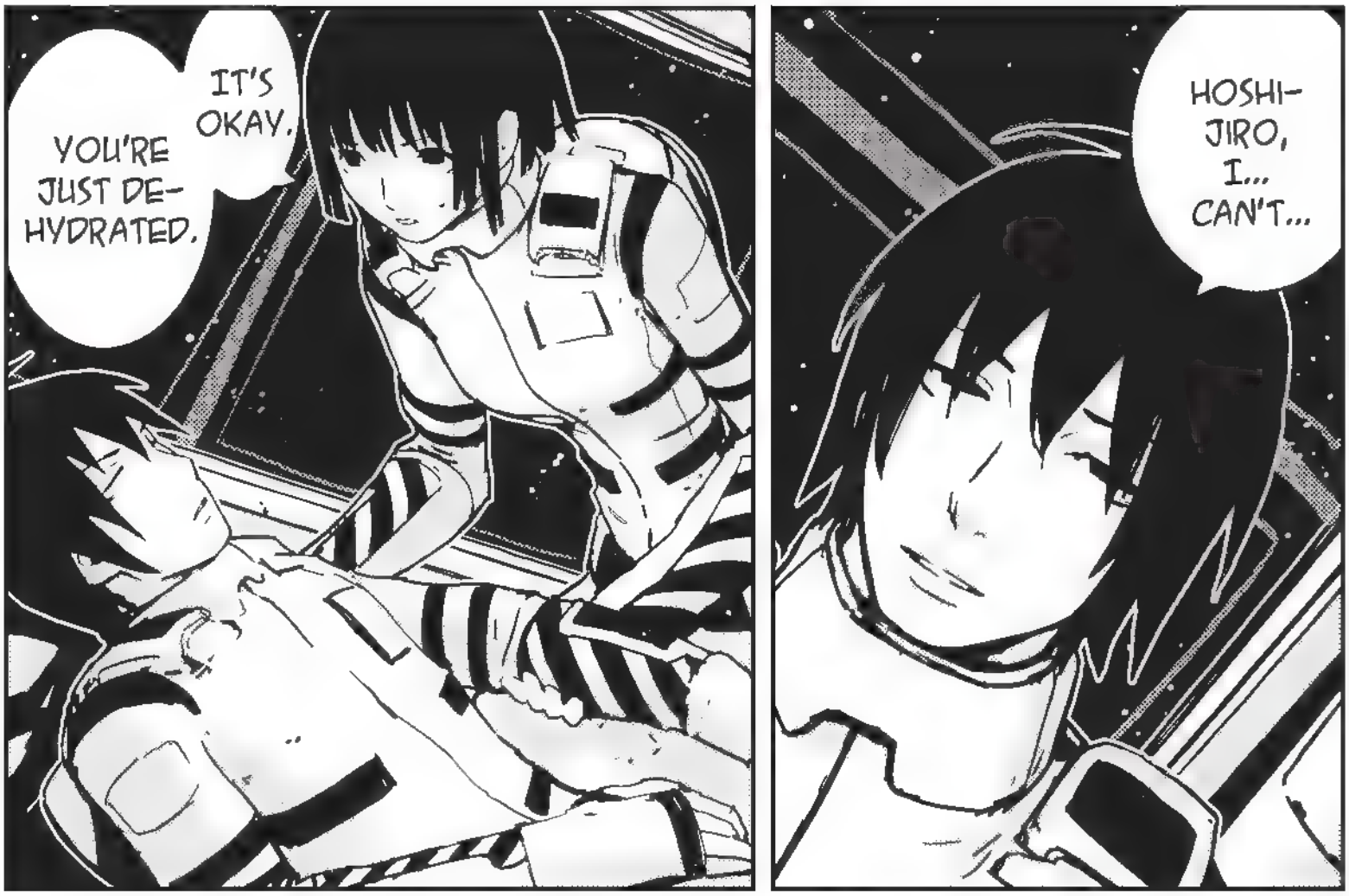
BUT, SEE, THE FIRST GAUNA THAT CAME DOWN TO EARTH WAS HUMANOID.

MAYBE IT'S JUST THAT WE'RE FAR TOO DIFFERENT FROM EACH OTHER AND CAN'T FIGURE OUT HOW TO GO ABOUT IT.

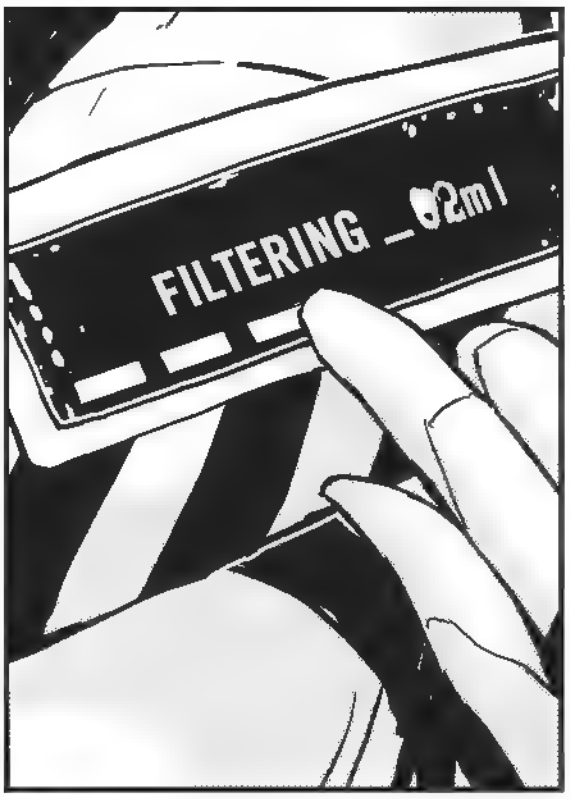
I... SOMETIMES WONDER, MAYBE THE GAUNAS ACTUALLY WANT FRIENDSHIP WITH HUMANITY...

TANI-KAZE ?

IF WE COULD SOMEHOW JUST TELL THEM...


IT'S OKAY.
YOU'RE JUST DE-HYDRATED.
HOSHI-JIRO, I... CAN'T...

FUNCTION SUPPORT
URINE COLLECTION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...
I KNOW, HOSHI-JIRO!
HUH?

R-
RIGHT.

AH
!!

WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO FILTER IT!

THE GARDE'S LUBRICANT CONTAINS WATER!

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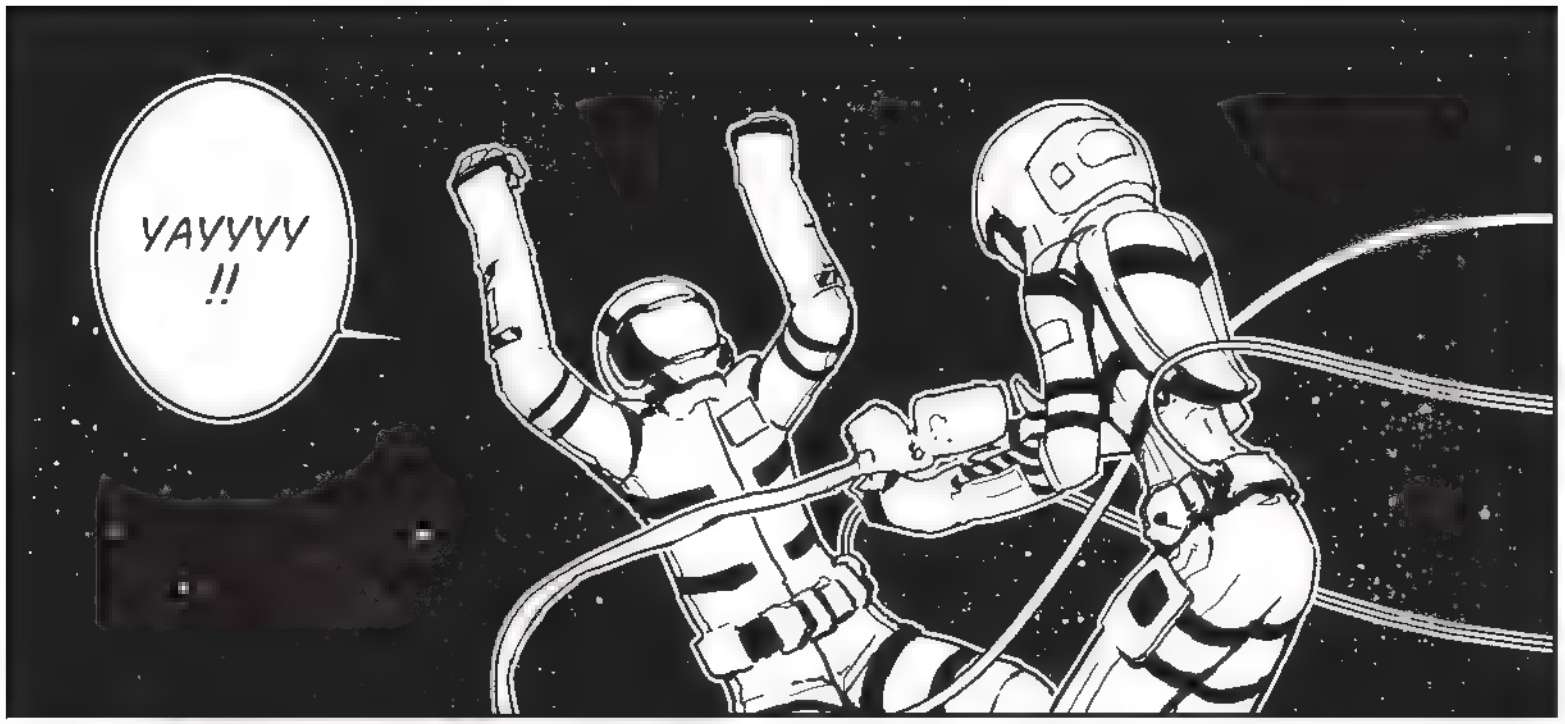
YAYYYY
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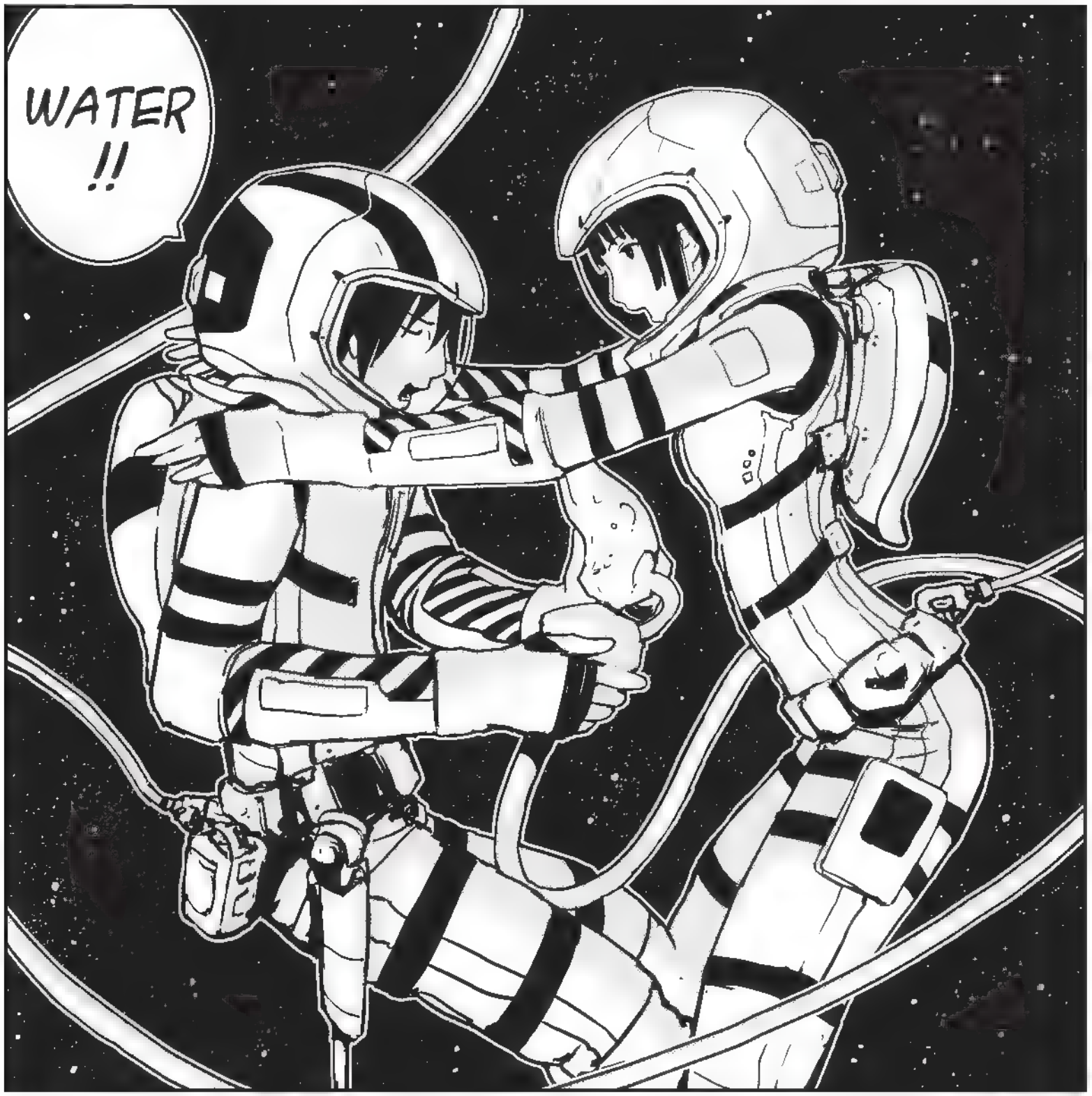
WATER
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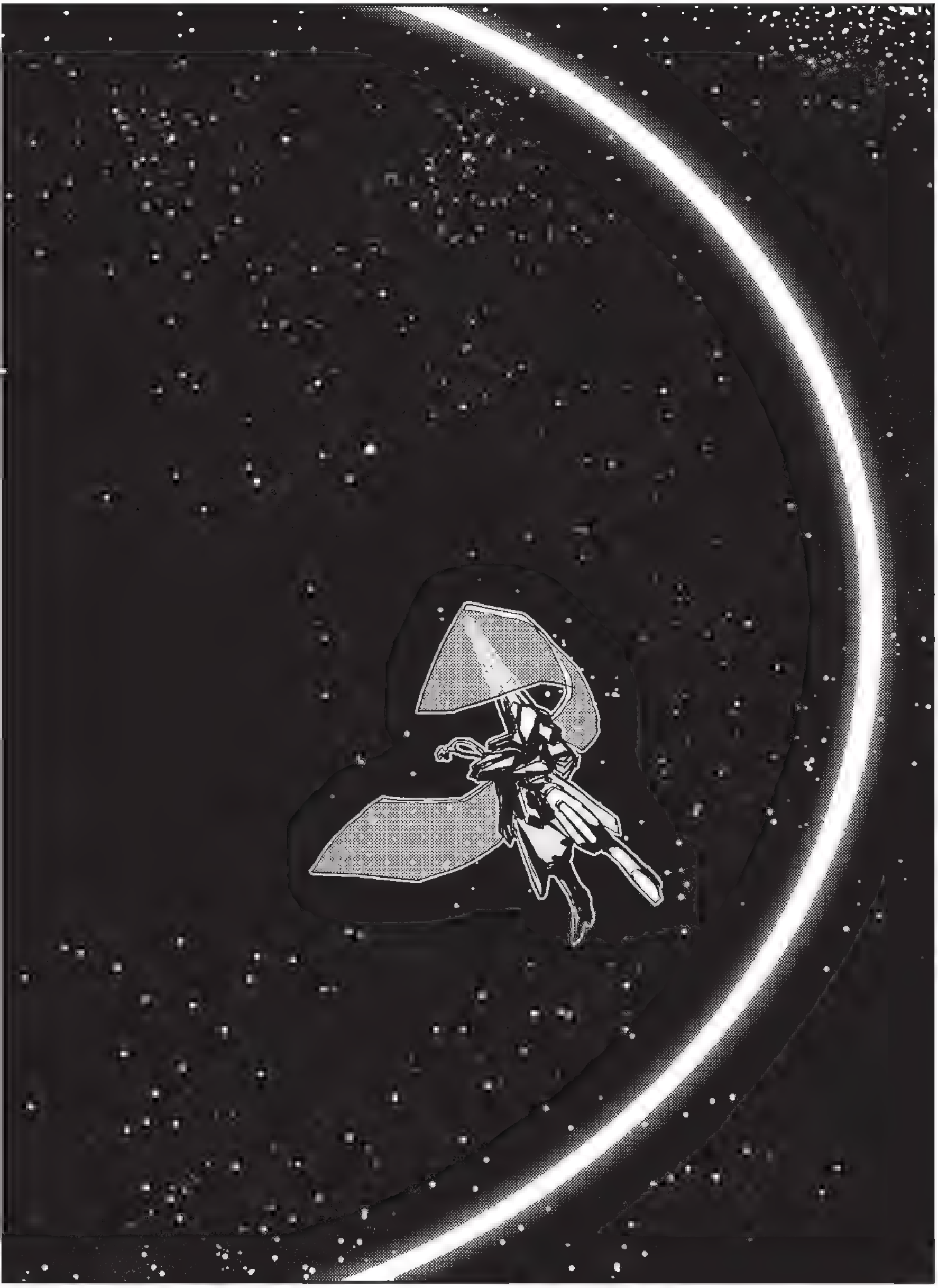
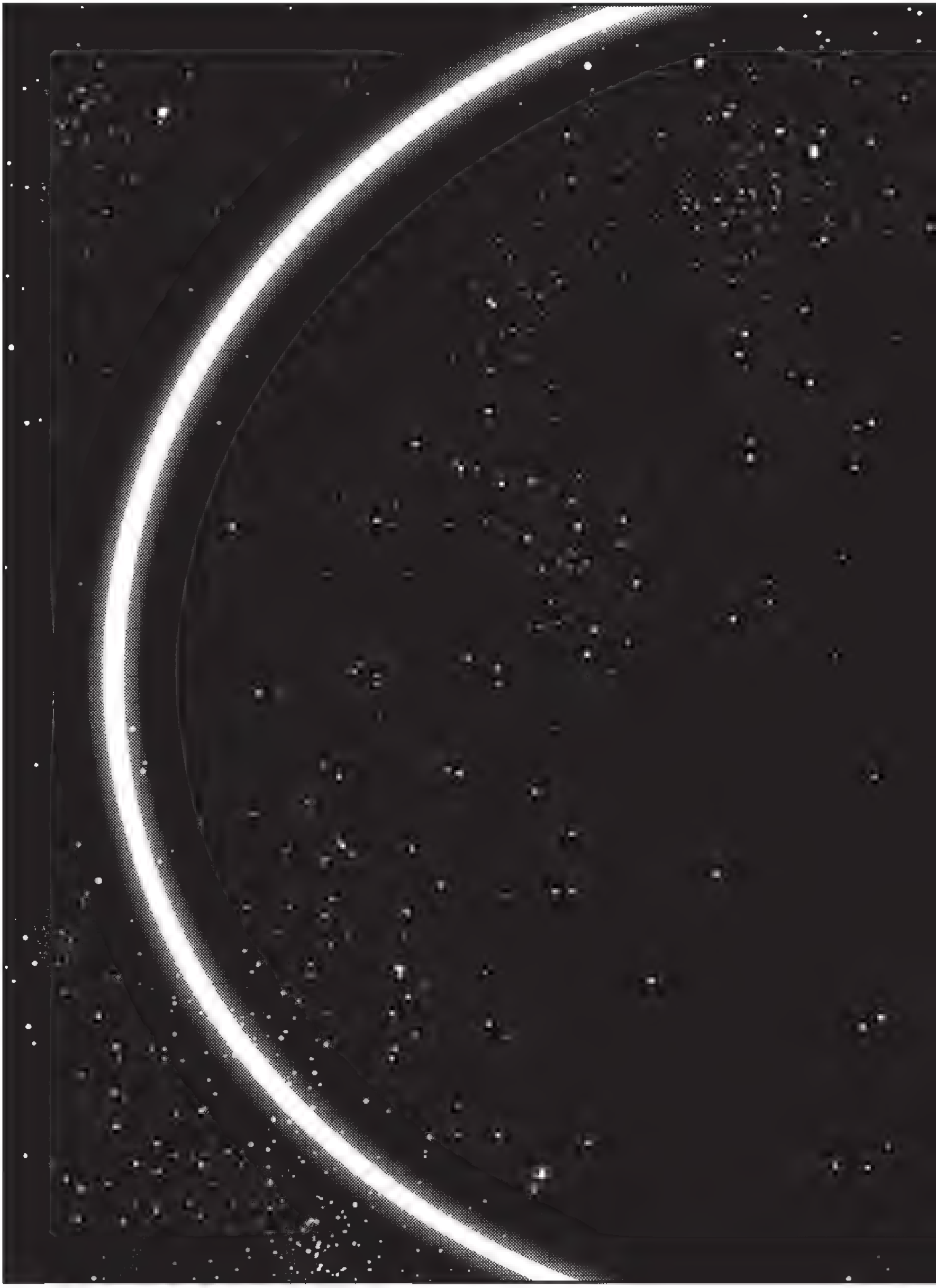
KONK

H-H-HOSHI-JIRO...

TANI-KAZE...

HUH
?





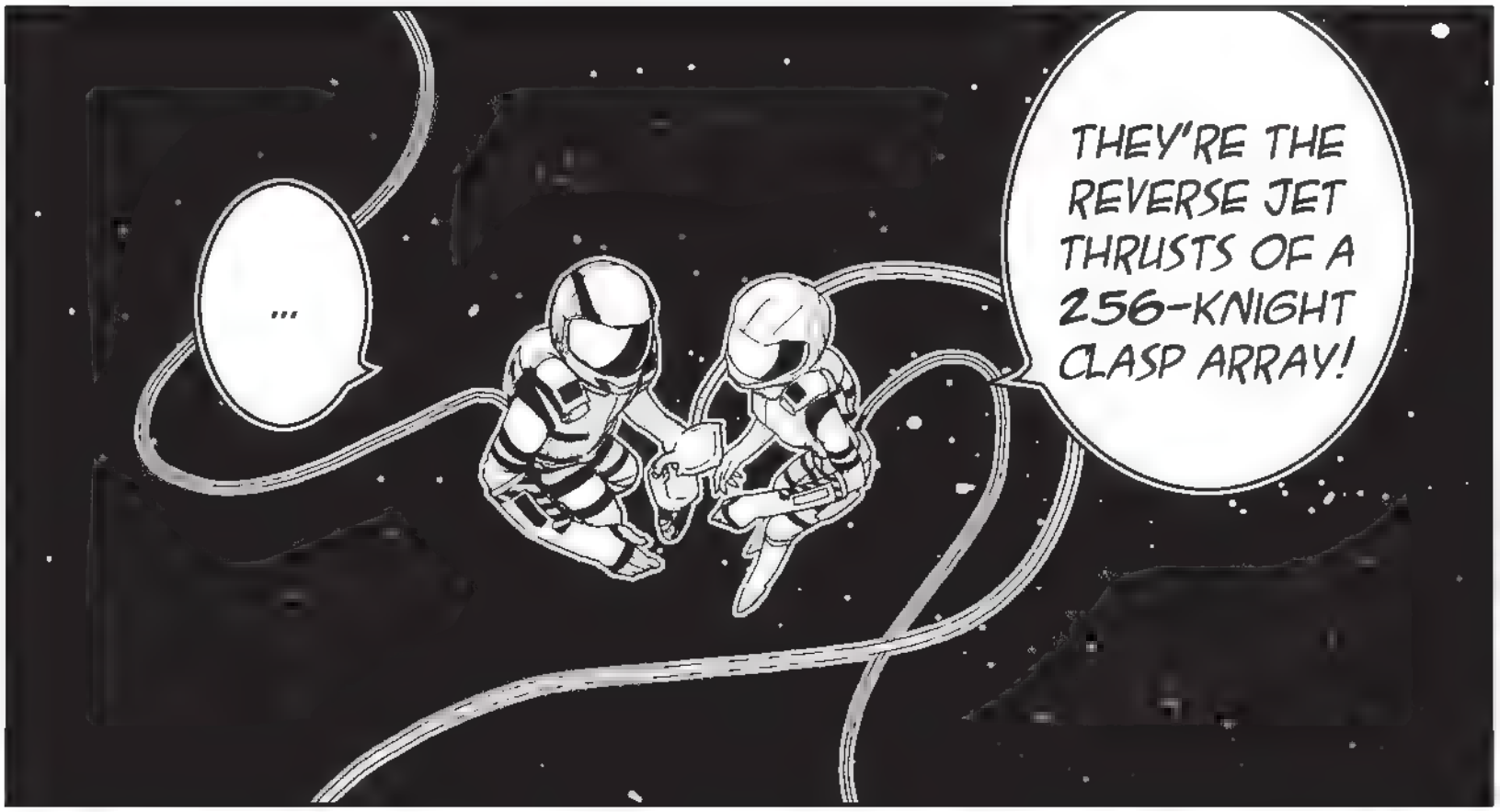
SO MANY OF THEM... IT'S UN-BELIEVABLE ...

WH-WHAT IS THIS LIGHT?!

HOSHIJIRO, WHAT IS IT?! WHAT'S THIS LIGHT?!

I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS ...

WH AA ?!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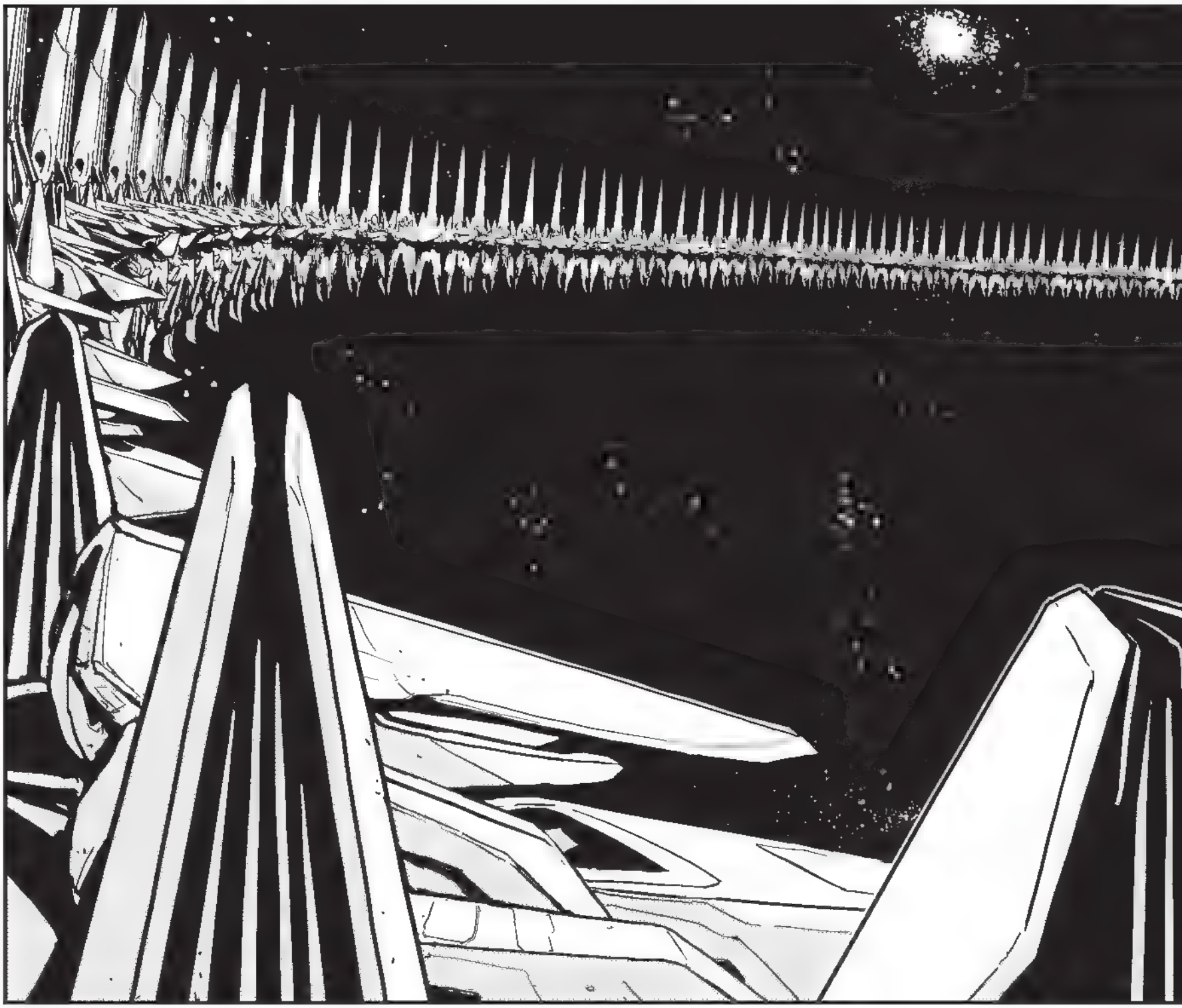
THEY'RE THE REVERSE JET THRUSTS OF A 256-KNIGHT CLASP ARRAY!



DO YOU THINK WE HAVE 257 SOLITARY CELLS?

WE HAVE SECURED NAGATE TANIKAZE AND SHIZUKA HOSHIJIRO.

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THIS IS UNHEARD OF. THE ENTIRE GARRISON VIOLATING SHIP REGULATIONS !!

FINALLY, WE HAVE A RESPONSE !

HOW DO YOU LOT PLAN TO PAY FOR THIS ?

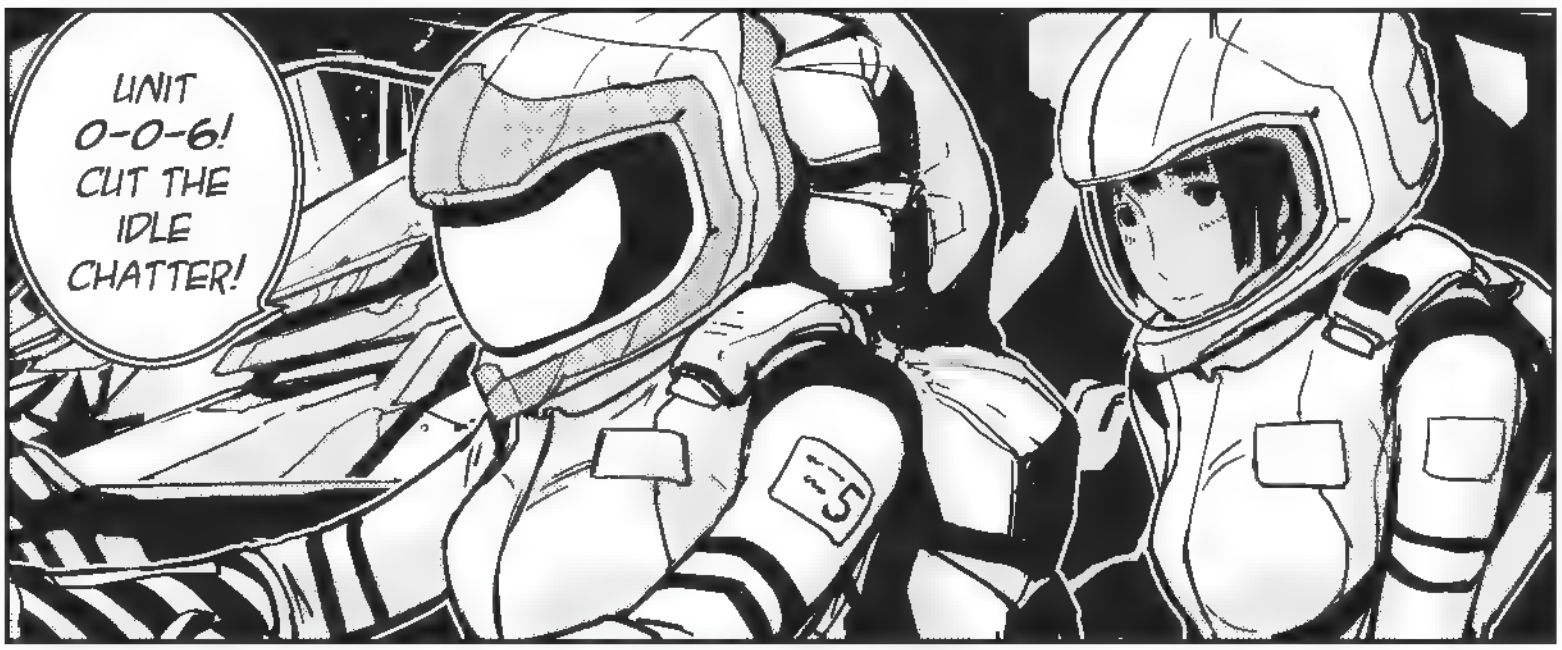
YOU TAKE MY MEANING. OUT.

Wooh!

Yahoo!

Yeah!

C-CAPTAIN ...



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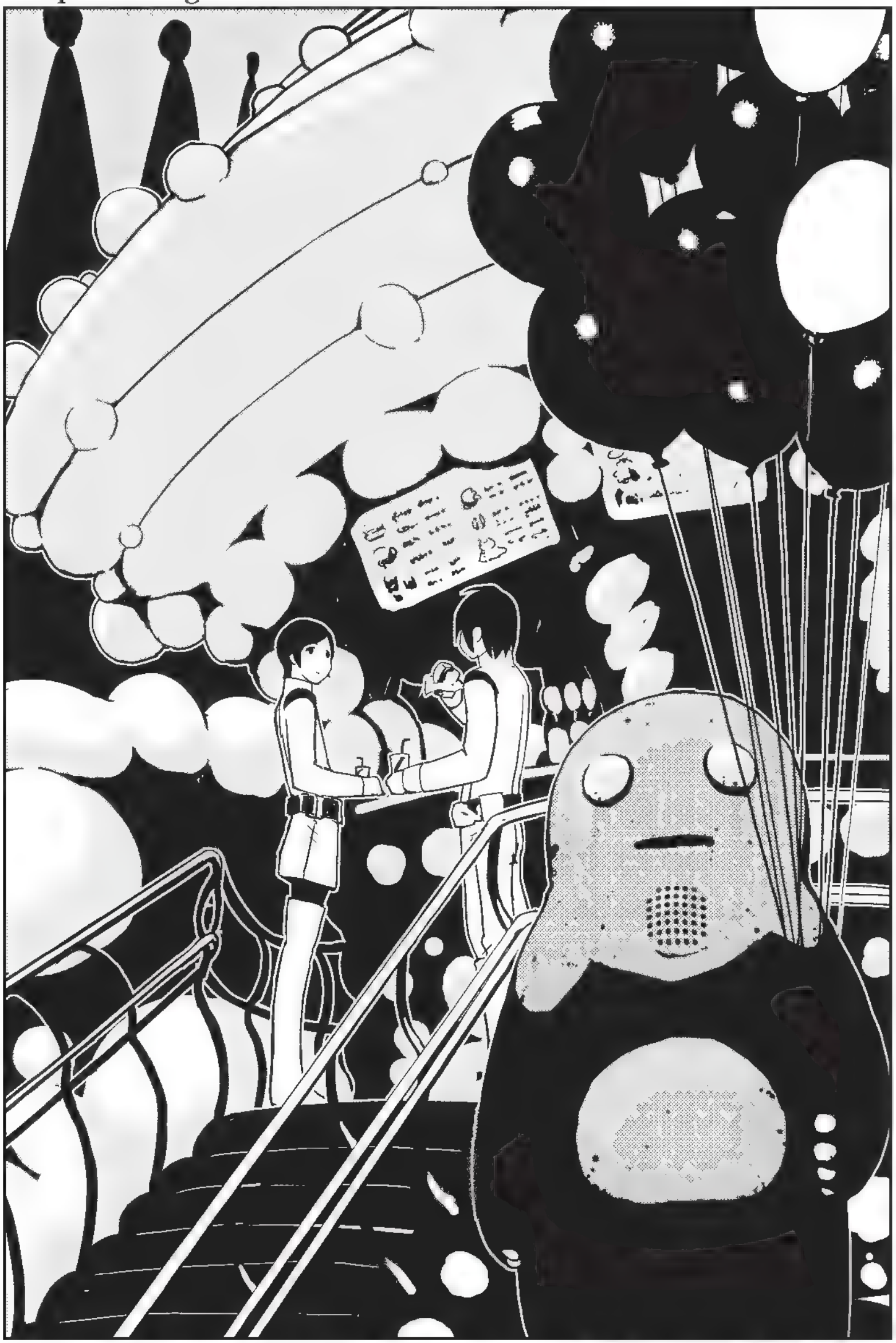
Chapter 8: Nagate Tanikaze's Return



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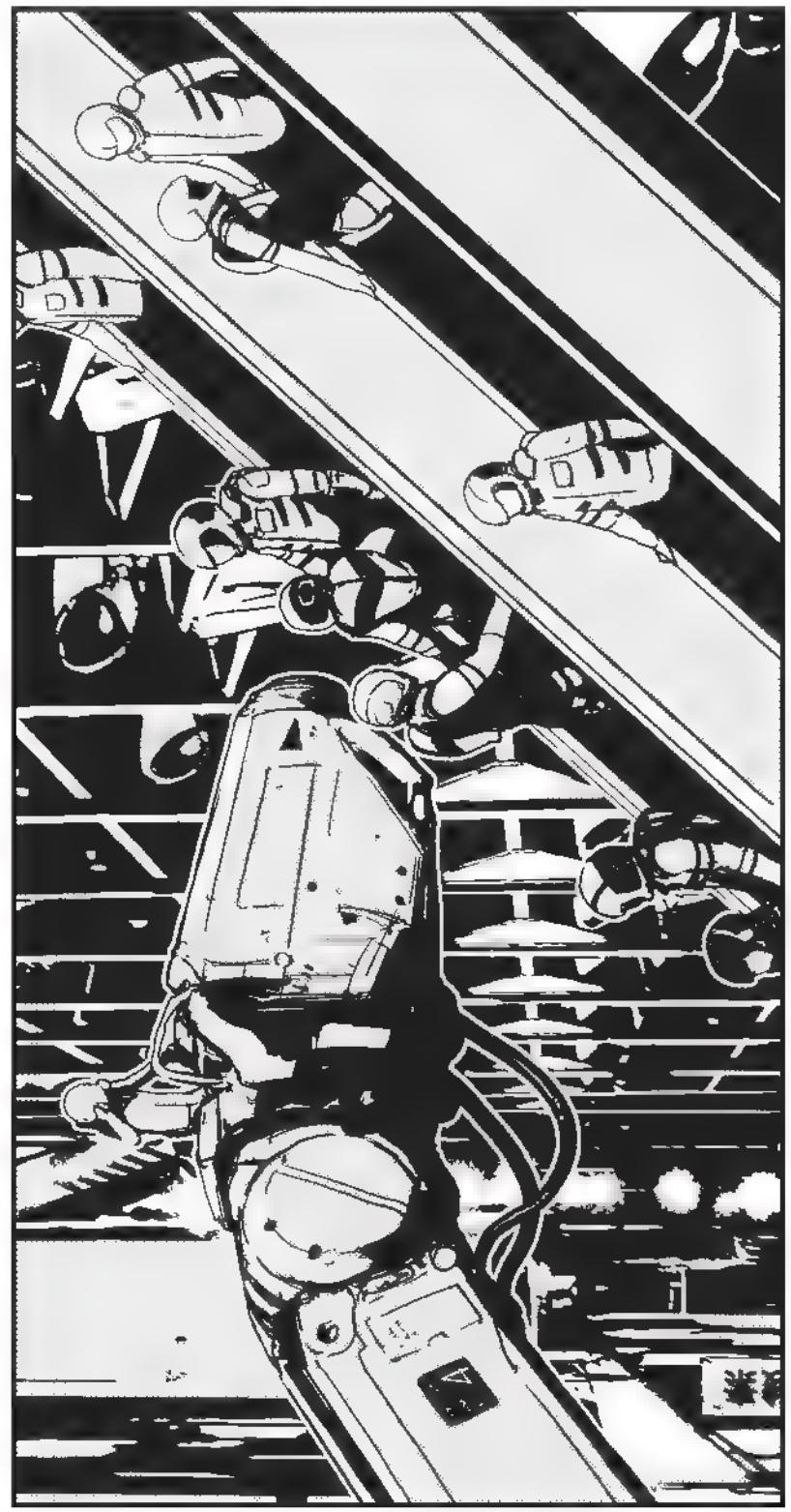

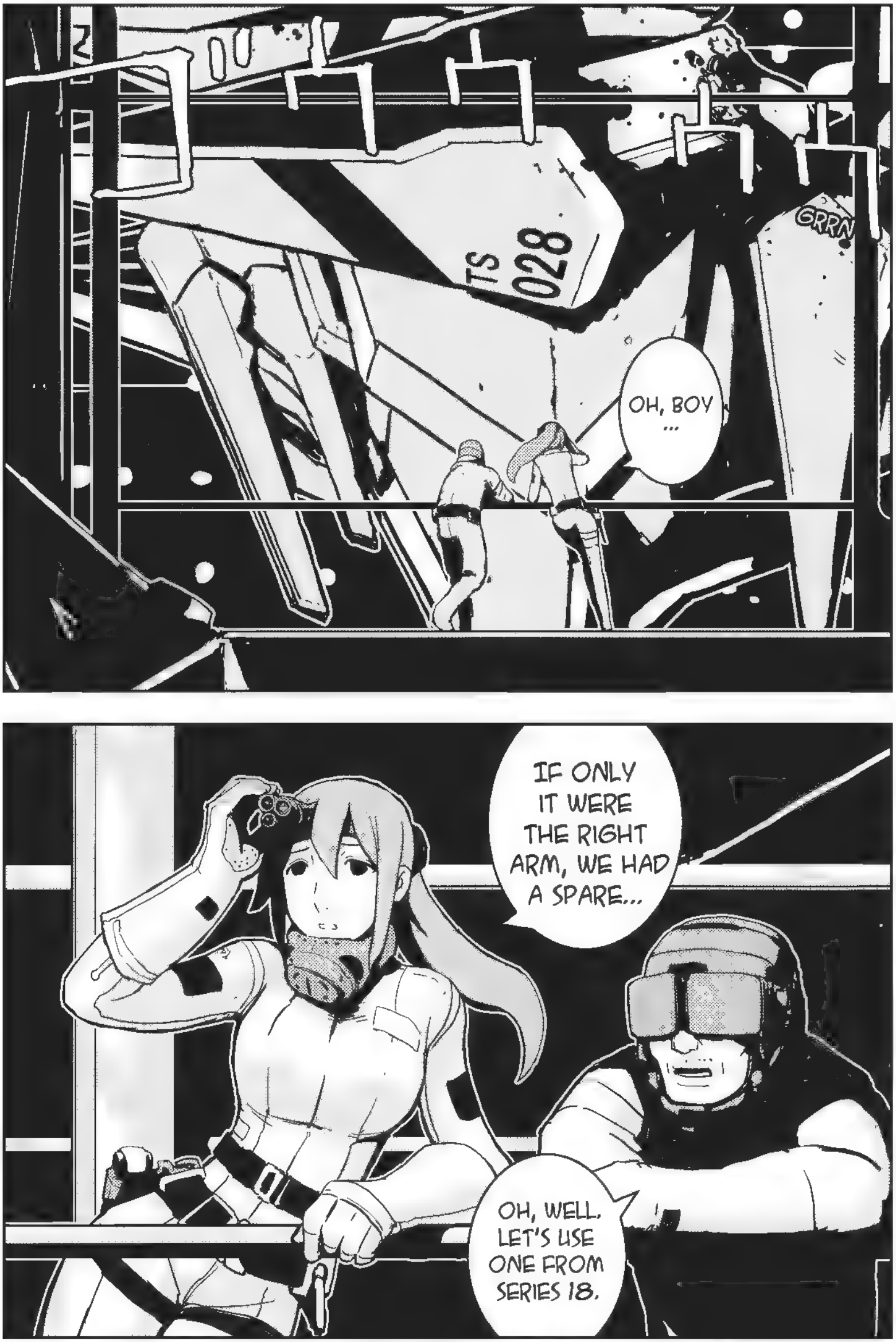
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GRRN
OH, BOY ...
IF ONLY IT WERE THE RIGHT ARM, WE HAD A SPARE...
OH, WELL. LET'S USE ONE FROM SERIES 18.

HM ?
THANK YOU, TANIKAZE.
OH... SURE.

OH, RIGHT.
THE MEN'S IS THAT WAY.

ZUB
ZUB
ZUB

QUARANTINE 2

SEE YOU, THEN.

YEAH.

NA-GATE!
拯重力米
大地
10Kg
拯重力米
大地
10Kg
拯重力米
大地
Prime Gravity Rice "Terra"
拯重力米
10Kg
GCHAK
THERE'S NOTHING TO DO AT THE DORM SO I CAME TO HELP WITH THE CLEANING.
DID YOU LOSE SOME WEIGHT? DON'T YOU NEED TO REST?
WELCOME BACK !!!
YOU WERE AMAZING, NAGATE!! REALLY!!

WOW, IT'S ALREADY MOSTLY BACK TO NORMAL ...

WELL, IT'S BEEN THREE WEEKS NOW.

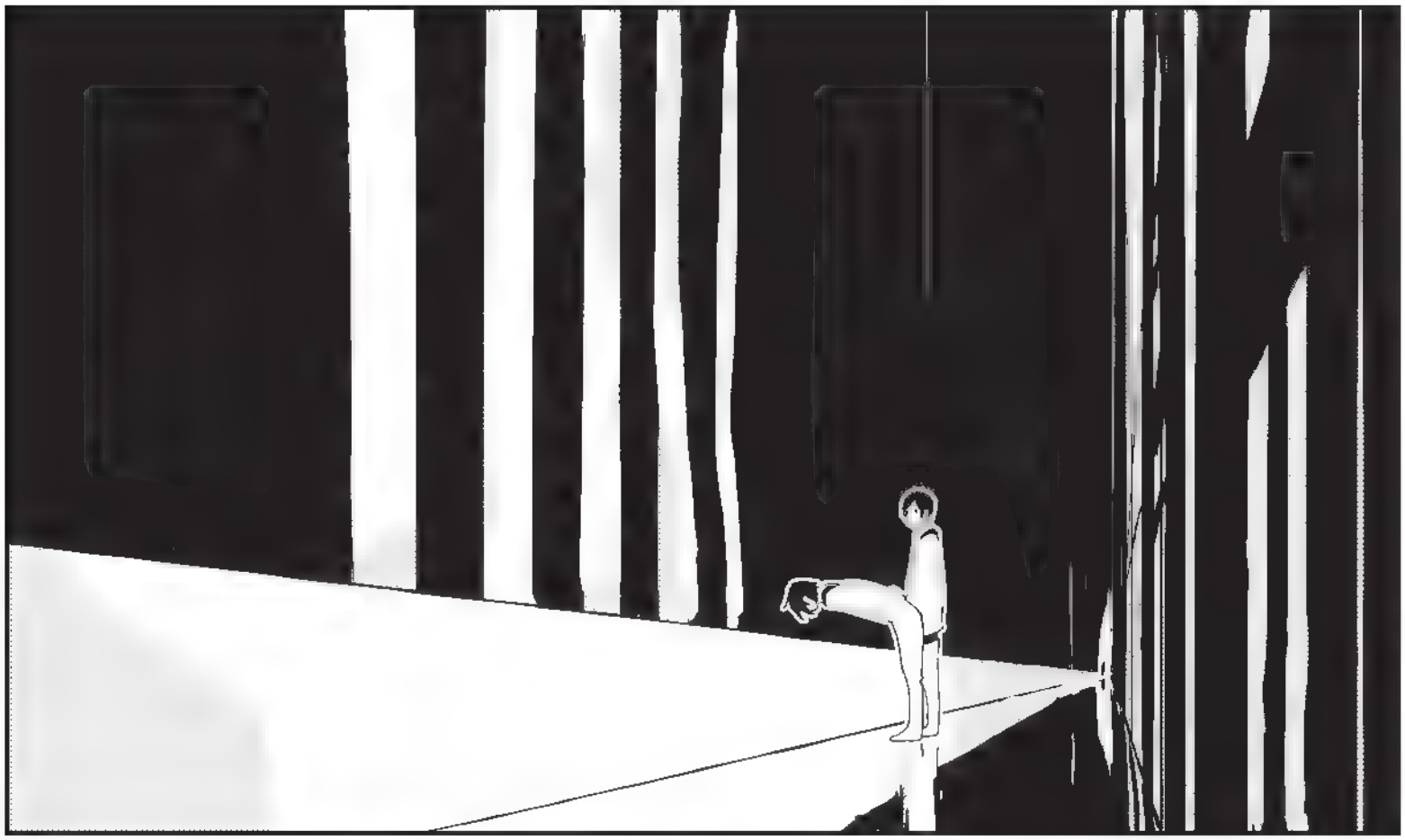
WELCOME BACK, TANIKAZE.

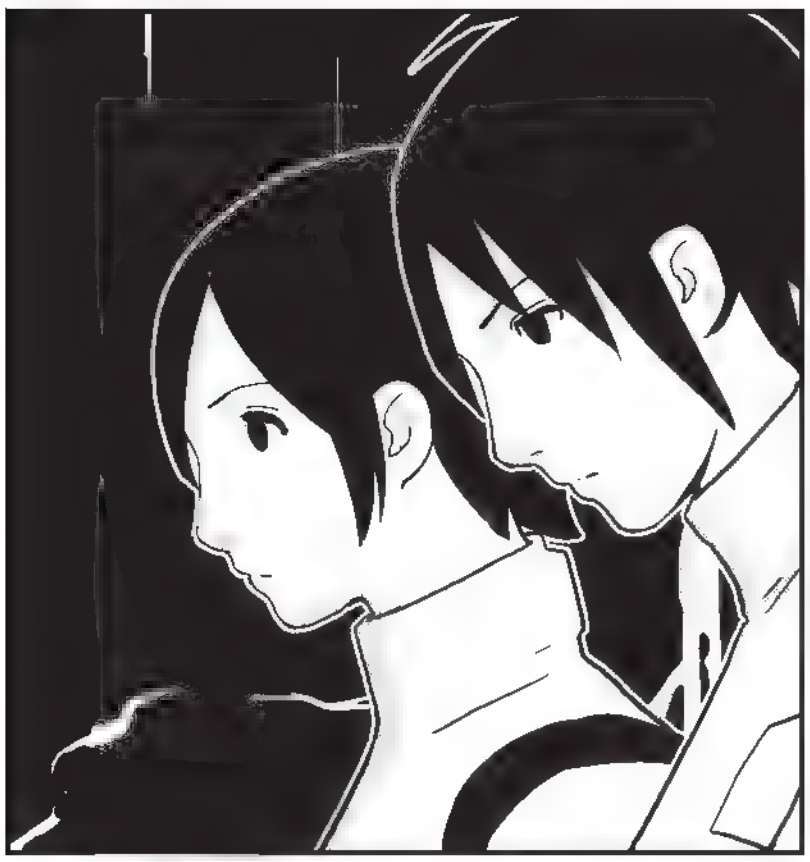
HEY, A HANDRAIL OVER HERE TOO!

THE ORGANIC-CONVERSION REACTORS WERE RUNNING NON-STOP... BUT COULDN'T KEEP UP...

BUT THE SMELL ONLY STARTED RECEDING JUST A FEW DAYS AGO...

WHOOSH





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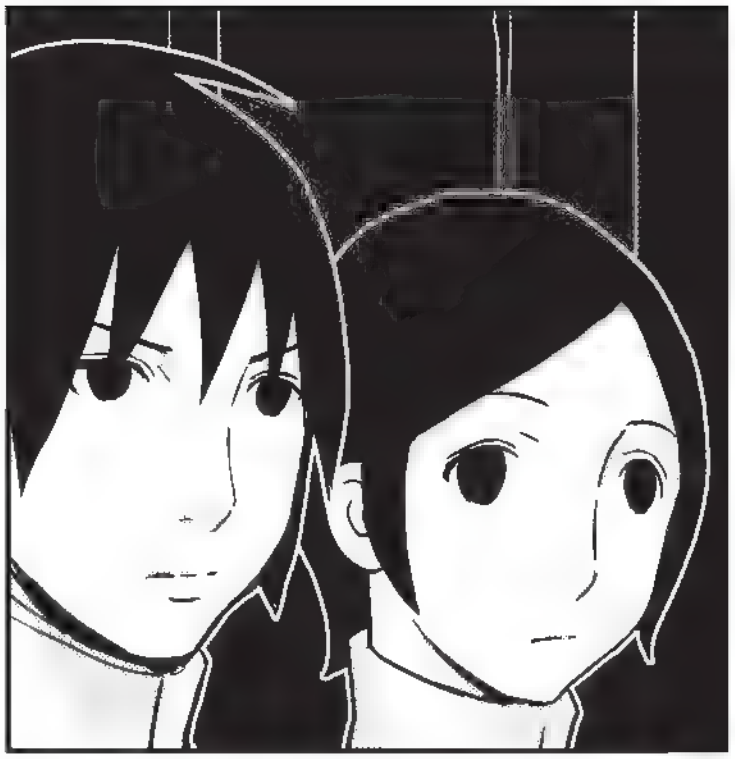
SHALL WE GO NOW, NAGATE ?
CLOP
CLOP



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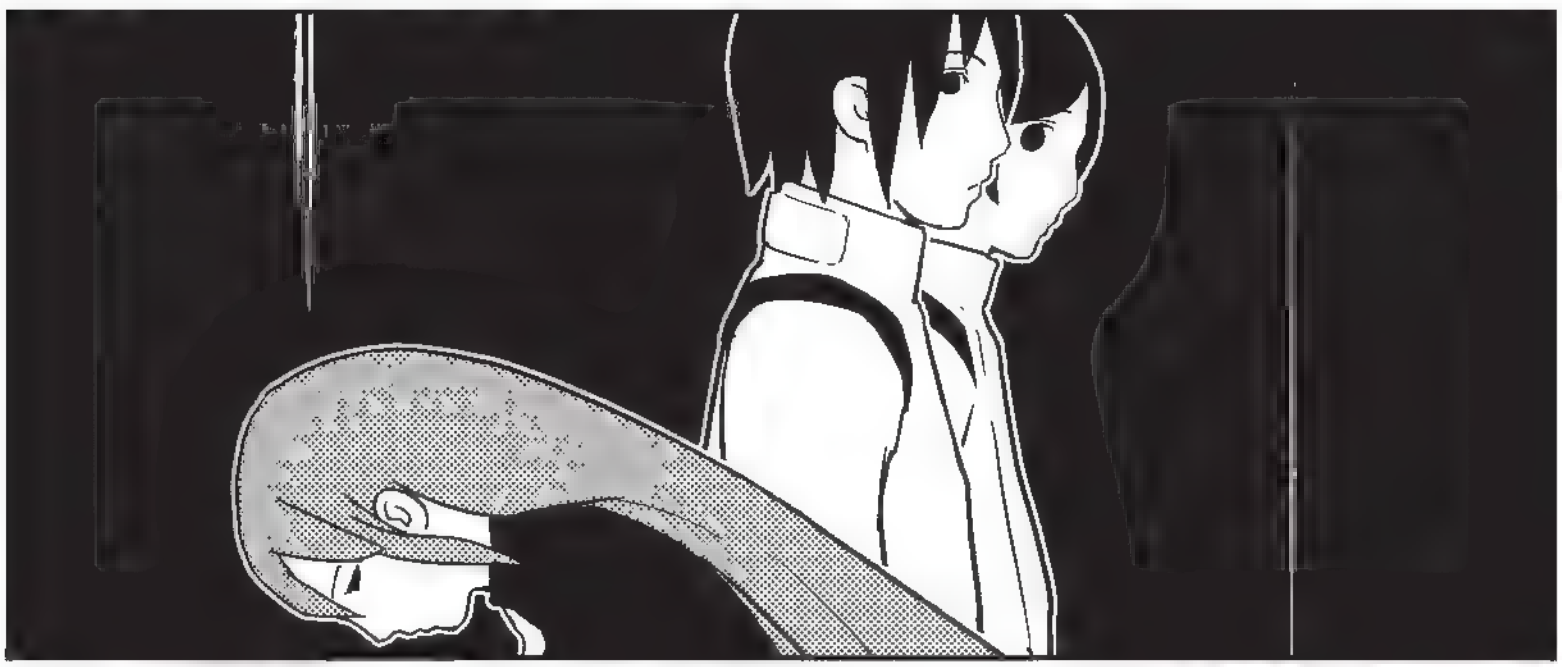

SEARCH GAUNA

BIP

<CORE>

DETAILS UNKNOWN.
NO EFFECTIVE MEANS HAS BEEN FOUND OF DESTROYING ONE OTHER THAN THE USE OF A <KABIZASHI>.

SEARCH <KABIZASHI>

ACCESS UNAUTHORIZED

BIBIP

<PLACENTA>

SUBSTANCE GENERATED BY THE GAUNA CORE. CONTINUES TO REGENERATE UNLESS THE GAUNA CORE IS DESTROYED.

<GAUNA>

ENCOUNTERED IN A SECTOR OUTSIDE THE SOLAR SYSTEM IN 2109, THEY WERE HUMANITY'S FIRST CONTACT WITH A LIFE FORM FROM OUTER SPACE.
THEY ARE COMPOSED OF A <CORE> AND <PLACENTA>.

<CLUSTER SHIP>

AN AGGREGATE BODY OF NUMEROUS GAUNAS.
THE FIRST <CLUSTER SHIP> ENCOUNTERED BY HUMANITY HAD A DIAMETER OF APPROX. 5000 KILOMETERS.

AME KNOWN THAT IT HAS A POMEGRANATE-LIKE INTERNAL ORGANIZATION.
THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF GAUNAS CONTAINED: SEVERAL TENS OF BILLIONS.

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MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED YEARS AFTER THE FIRST ENCOUNTER, AND WITH ABSOLUTELY NO RESPONSE TO HUMANITY'S ATTEMPTED COMMUNICATIONS, THE <CLUSTER SHIP> SUDDENLY APPROACHED THE SOLAR SYSTEM.
FORTY-SIX <GAUNAS> WERE DROPPED ONTO EARTH.

THE FIRST GAUNA DROPPED ON EARTH

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A GAUNA PREYING UPON MARINE LIFE

KSHKK

A TEMPORARILY IMMOBILIZED GAUNA SHORN OF ITS PLACENTA DUE TO HUMAN ATTACK

CORE

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AT THE TIME THERE WAS NO MEANS OF DESTROYING THE CORE

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THE MOMENT OF EARTH'S BISECTION

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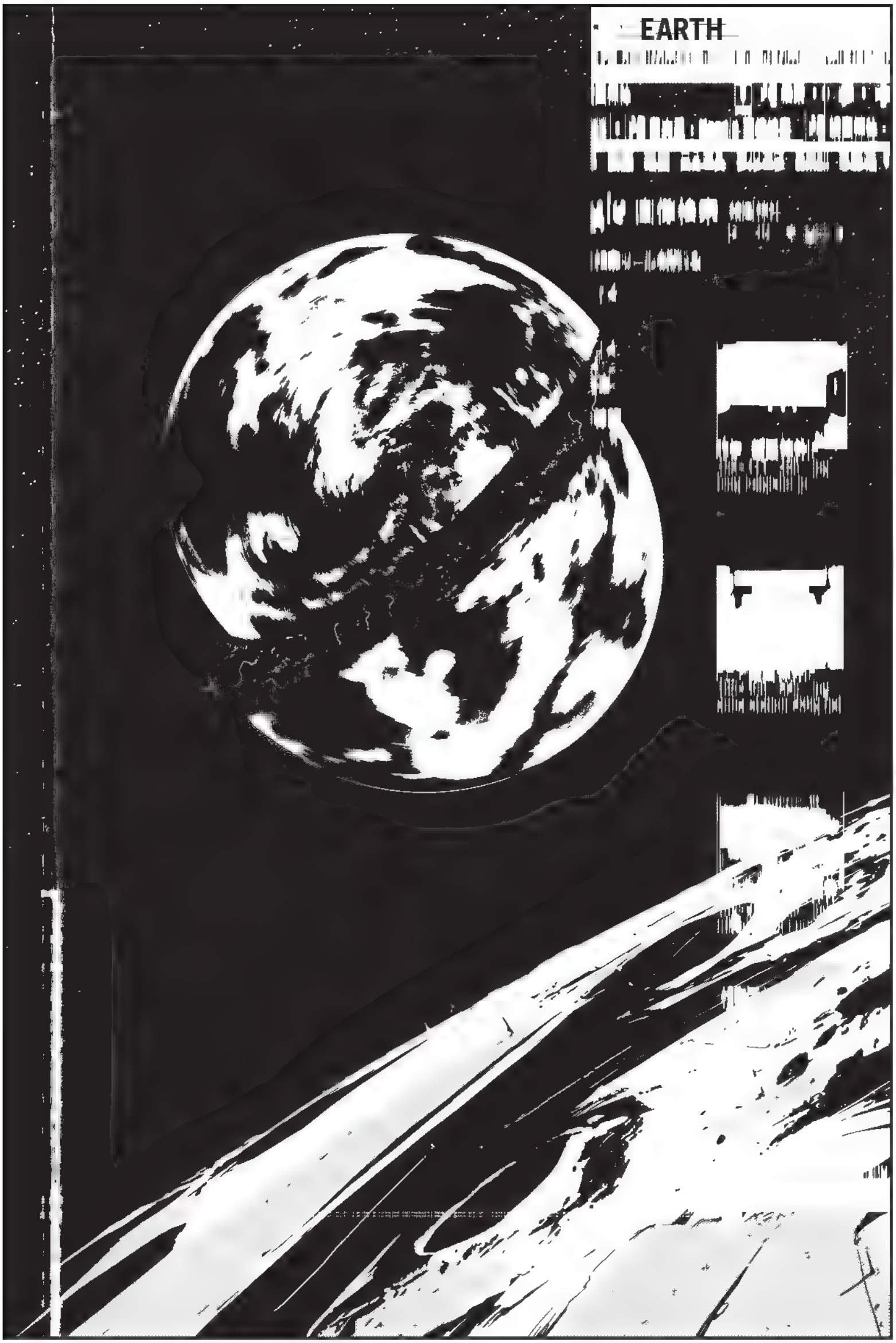
EARTH

AUGUST 2, 2384: THE SIDONIA SETS SAIL

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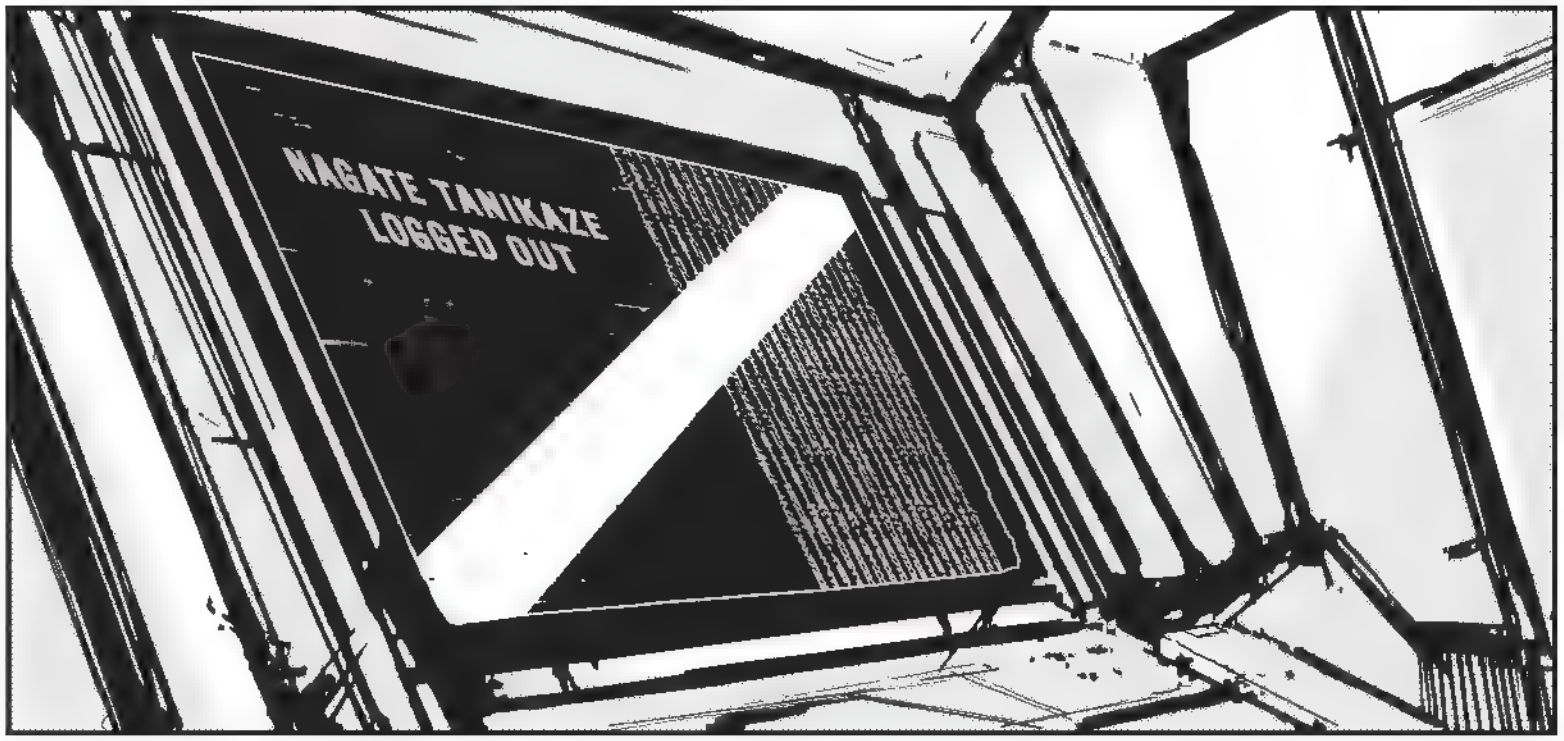
APOSIMZ
THE INTERSTELLAR SPACESHIP THAT WAS LOCATIONALLY CLOSEST TO THE SIDONIA UPON EXIT FROM THE SOLAR SYSTEM.
A LAST COMMUNICATION WAS RECEIVED ON FEBRUARY 26, 2691 BEFORE CONTACT CEASED.

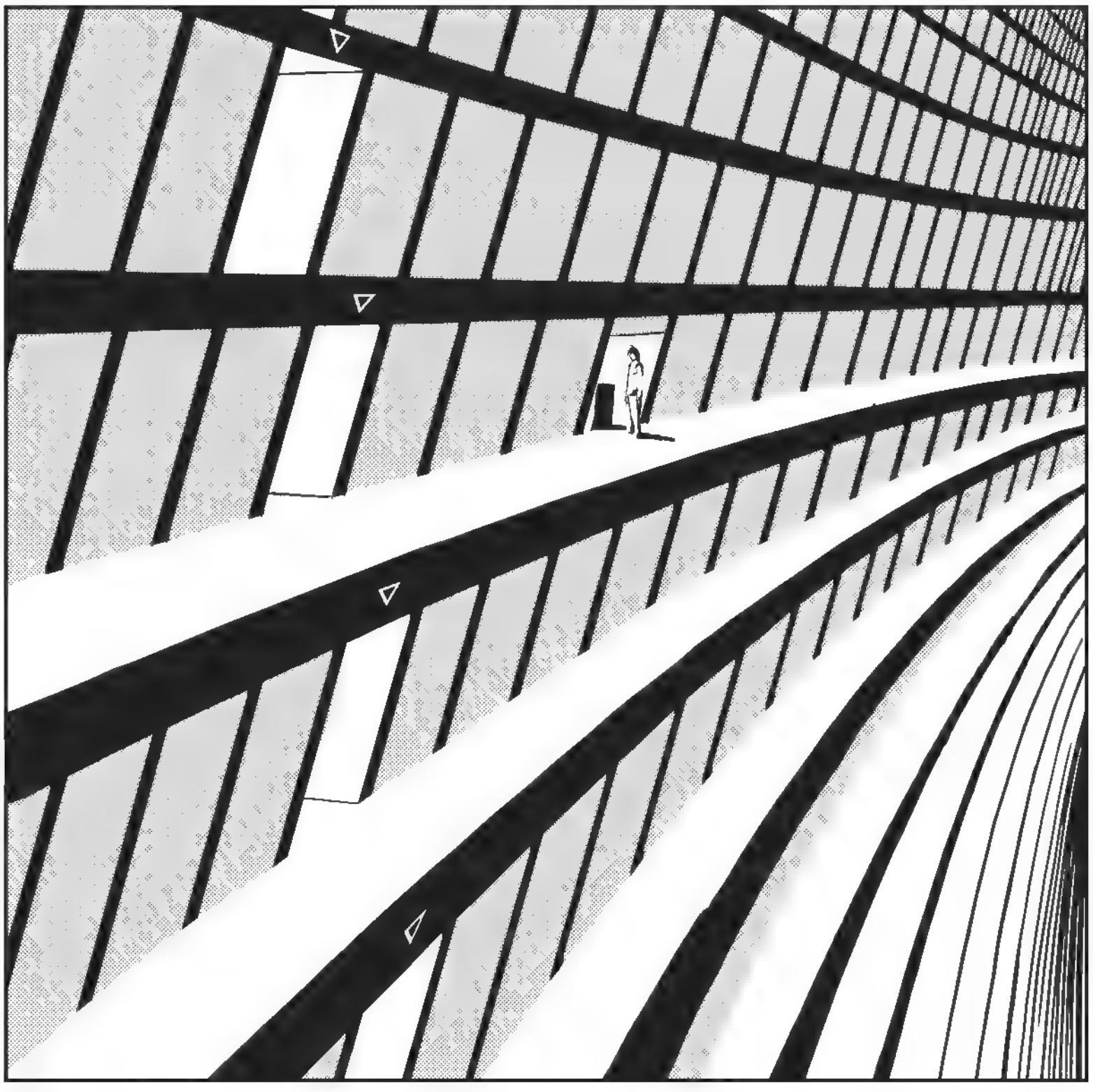
SENDER: APOSIMZ TOWER 5
SUBJECT: "FAREWELL, SIDONIA"
DATE: 2513/11/06 1:09

IT IS SAID THAT AFTER THE GAUNA INVASION, MANNED AND UNMANNED SEED SHIPS THAT SUCCESSFULLY ESCAPED THE SOLAR SYSTEM NUMBERED IN THE HUNDREDS

AT PRESENT, NOVEMBER 25, 1009 SIDONIA DEPARTURE ERA (COMMON ERA 3394), THERE IS NO COMMUNICATION WITH OTHER SHIPS.

GROWL LLLLL


NAGATE TANIKAZE
LOGGED OUT



NORIO KUNATO.
SHIZUKA HOSHIJIRO.
EN HONOKA.
NAGATE TANIKAZE.

THESE FOUR ARE HEREBY APPOINTED AS GARDE PILOTS.

OFFICIAL PILOTS CAN ENTER WHENEVER THEY WANT.

OH YEAH, NAGATE, LET'S CHECK OUT THE SEAWATER STRATUM SOON!

YOU KNOW, WE SISTERS CAN TELL OUR ELEVEN FACES APART,

BUT YOU PROBABLY CAN'T TELL WHO'S WHO, CAN YOU?

CONGRAT-ULATIONS, TANIKAZE.

OH, THANK YOU.

YOU'D BEST APOLOGIZE WHILE YOU CAN, EN.

REN! WHY SAY THAT?

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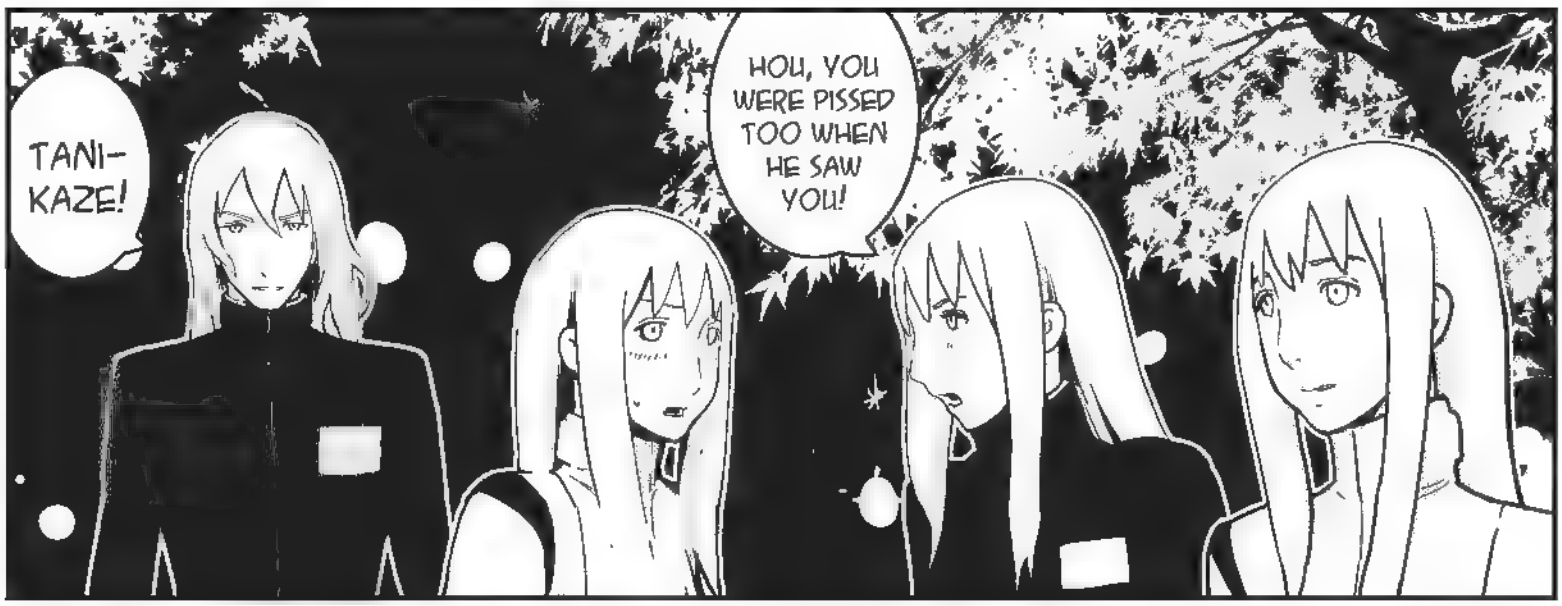
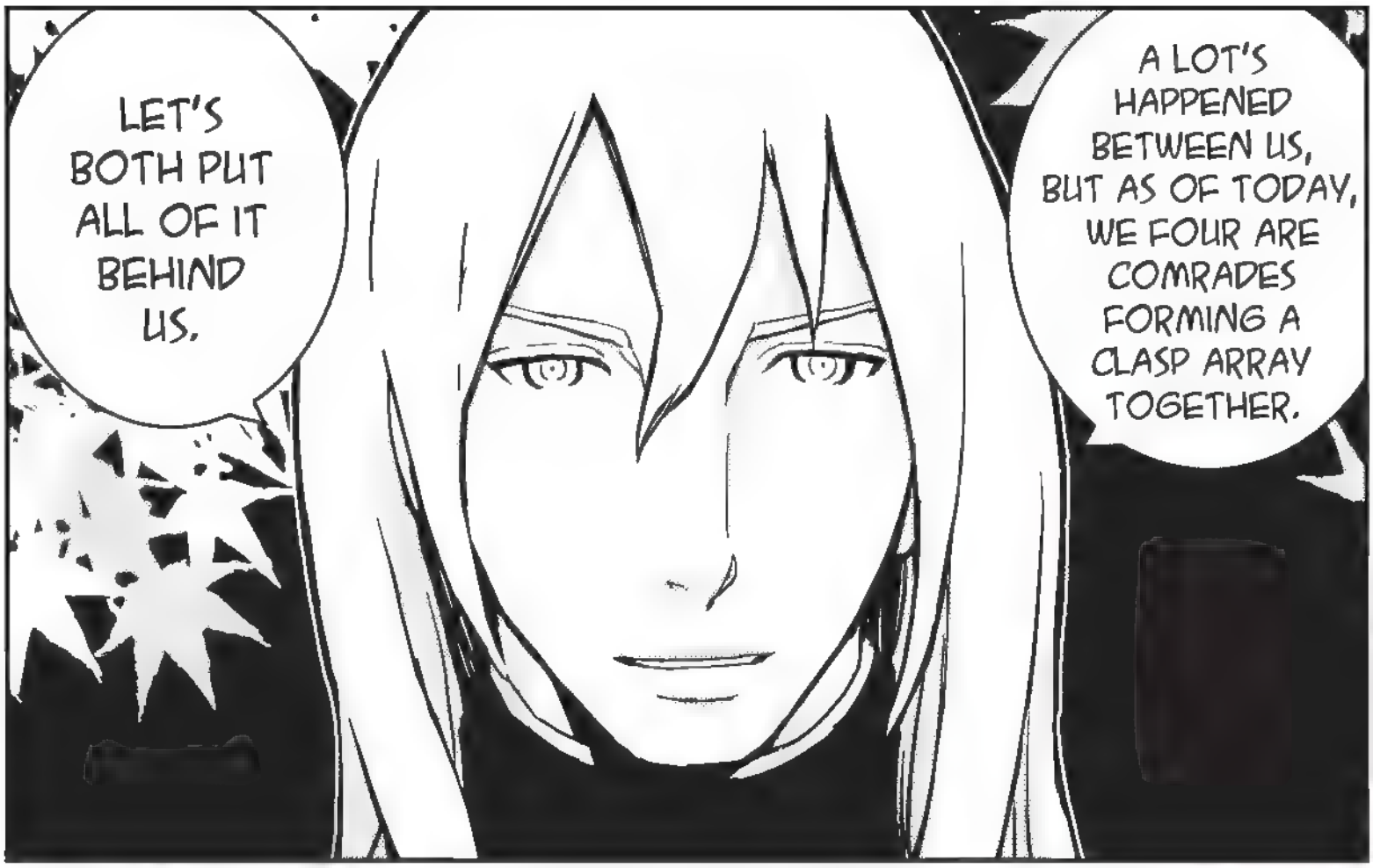
IT WAS EN WHO BROKE YOUR NOSE!

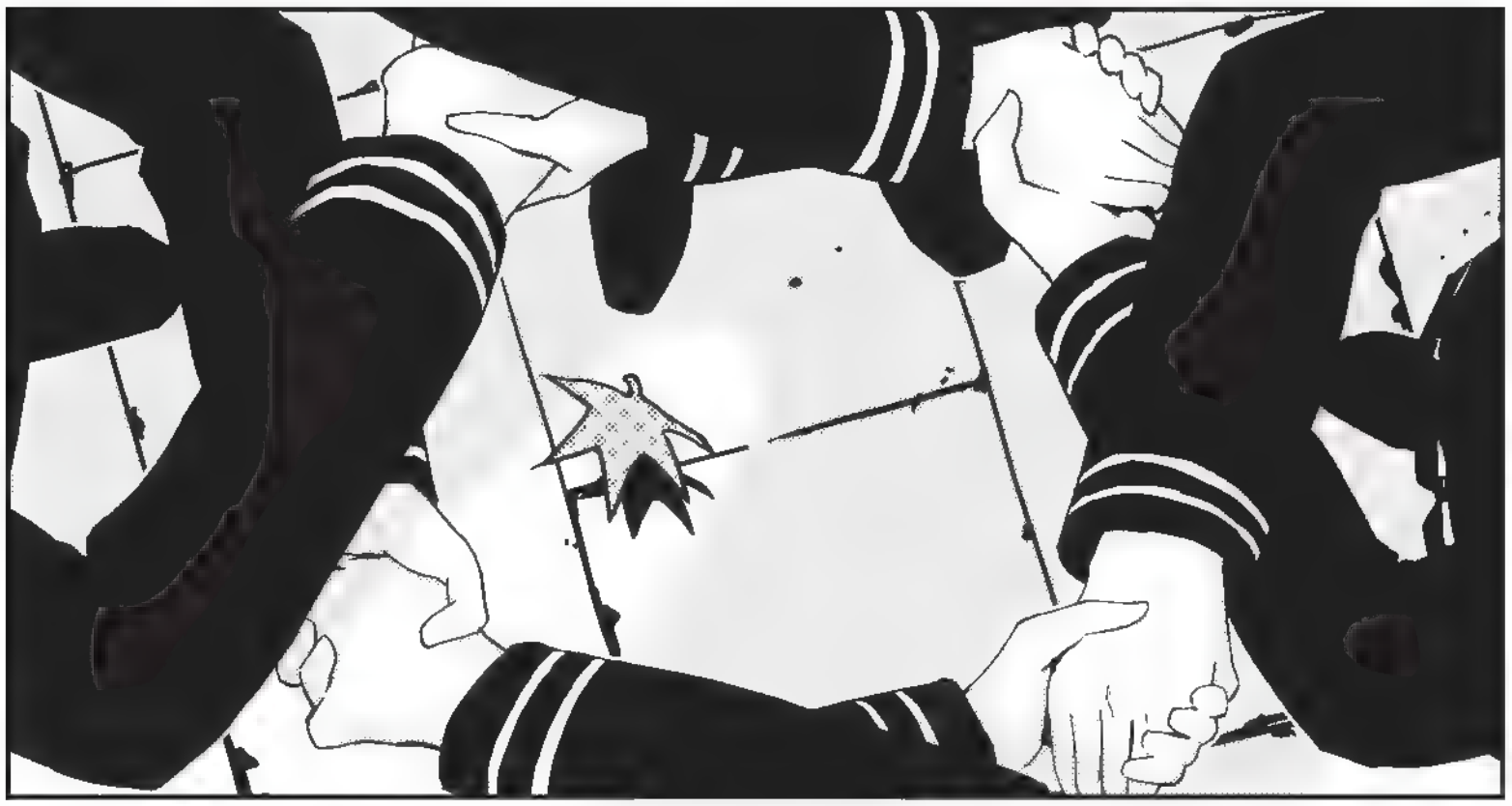
NO... I CAN'T.


TANI-
KAZE!
HOU, YOU WERE PISSED TOO WHEN HE SAW YOU!


LET'S BOTH PUT ALL OF IT BEHIND US.
A LOT'S HAPPENED BETWEEN US, BUT AS OF TODAY, WE FOUR ARE COMRADES FORMING A CLASP ARRAY TOGETHER.

HOSHI-JIRO!
HOW ABOUT A CLASP RIGHT NOW, AS A QUARTET?

YEAH, OF COURSE.



PLEASURE TO MEET YOU!

I'M YUHATA MIDORIKAWA, TRANSFERRED MID-TERM INTO THE 628TH GARDE PILOT TRAINEE GROUP!

Tempura

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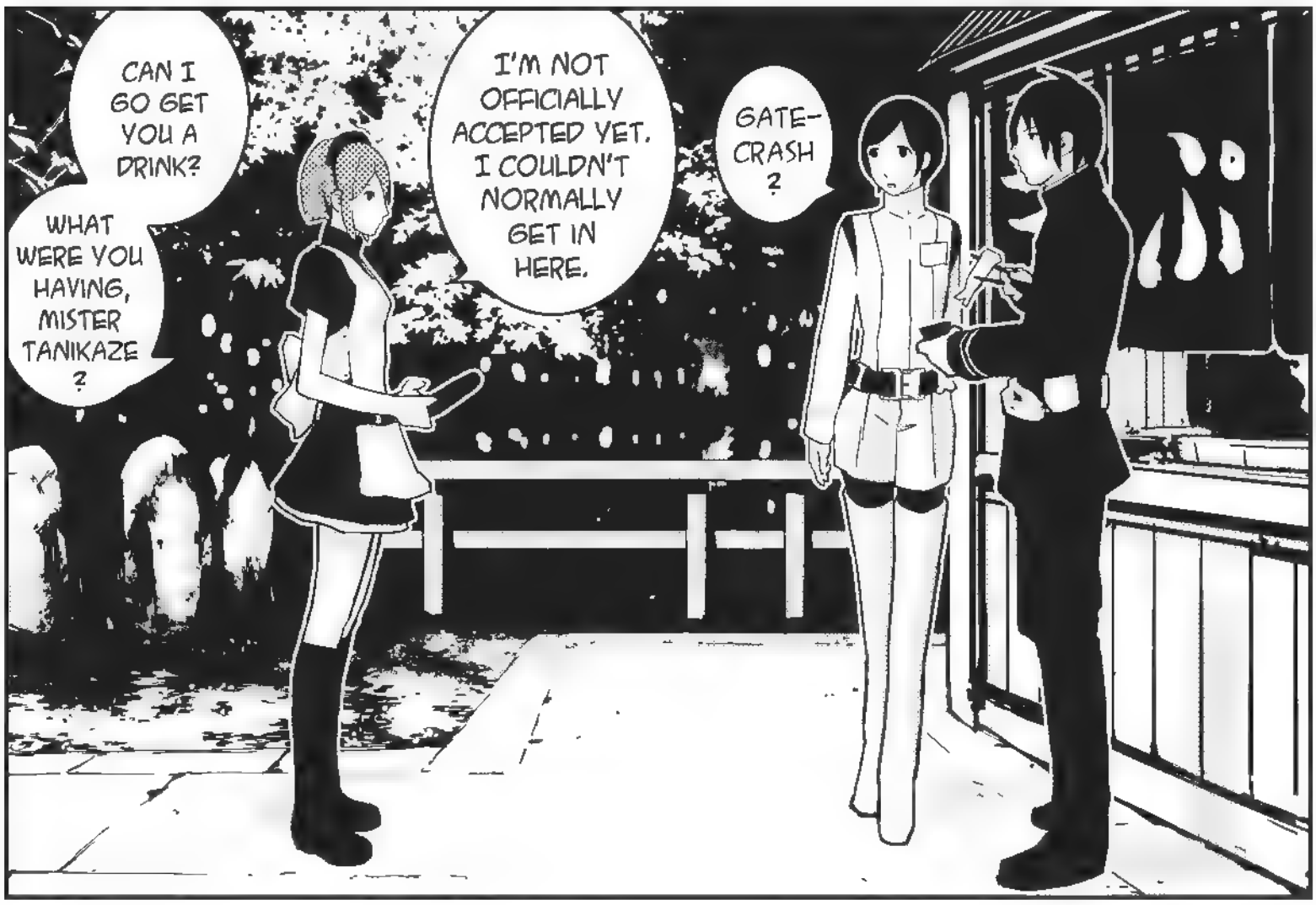
PARDON ME!

GULP

YES! I GATE-CRASHED TO THANK MR. TANI-KAZE
FOR AVENGING MY BRO-THER.

THAT'S RIGHT, WE SAW YOU YESTERDAY!
MIDORI-KAWA!
YOU CUT YOUR HAIR...


CAN I GO GET YOU A DRINK?
WHAT WERE YOU HAVING, MISTER TANIKAZE?
I'M NOT OFFICIALLY ACCEPTED YET. I COULDN'T NORMALLY GET IN HERE.
GATE-CRASH?

SAUCE?! TEMPURA SAUCE?!

SAUCE !

!

I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.

WHAT IS IT?!

IZANA, EXCUSE ME A SECOND!

CLAK

WHA ?!

WHO ARE YOU.

...IT'S FINE. LET HIM THROUGH.

CAP-TAIN !!

PAM

!

GO ON.

GET IN.

GWRR

GRRN

GWRR

...

YOU SEEM TO BE DOING WELL.

YOUR OWN ABILITY GOT YOU THERE.

I DIDN'T CHOOSE THE OFFICIAL PILOTS.

WH-WHY DO YOU DO SO MUCH FOR ME?

AND MY INJURIES HEAL FASTER THAN MS. HIYAMA'S, IT'S TOTALLY WEIRD!!

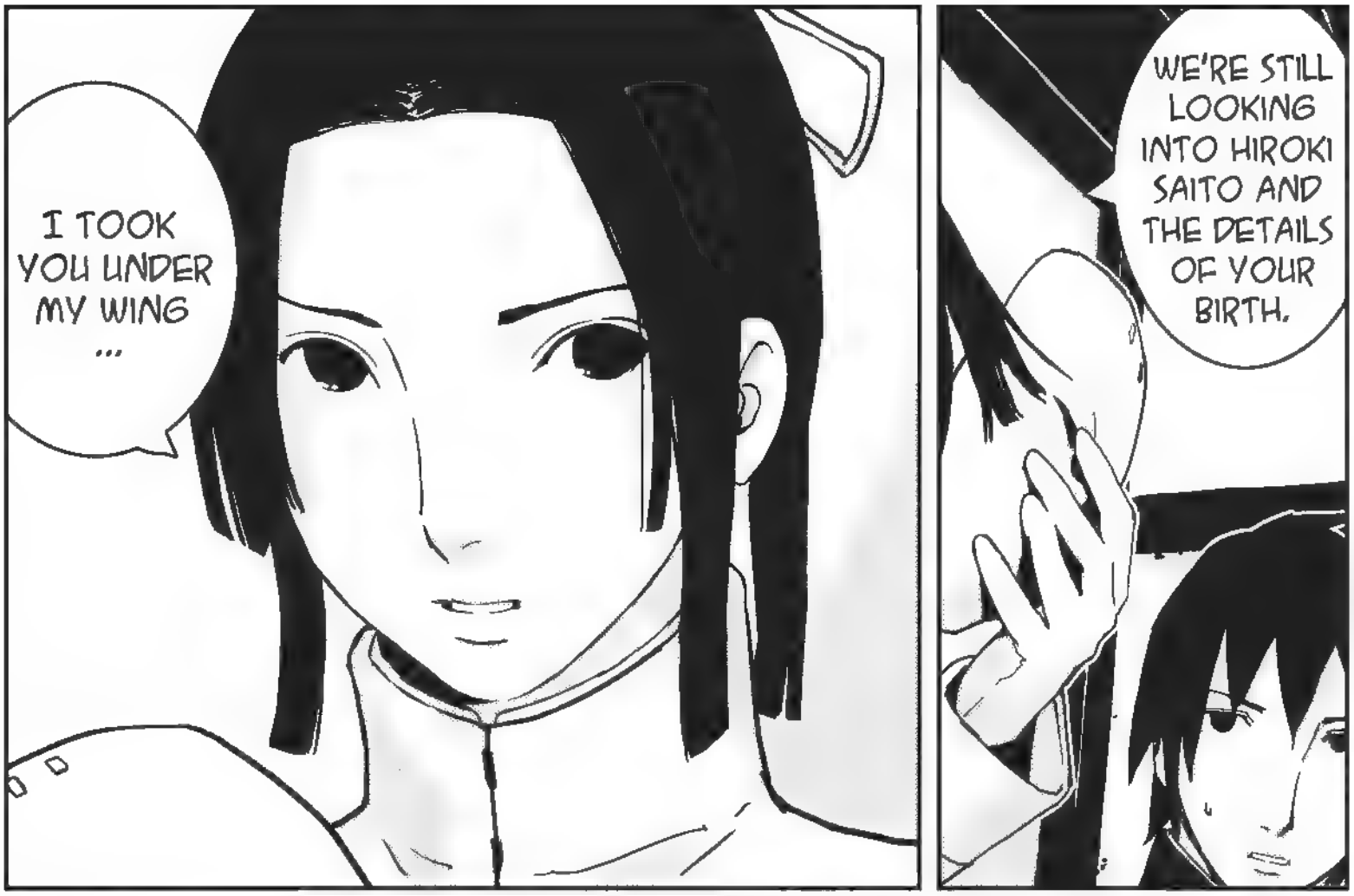
ISN'T THERE SOME SECRET ABOUT ME?

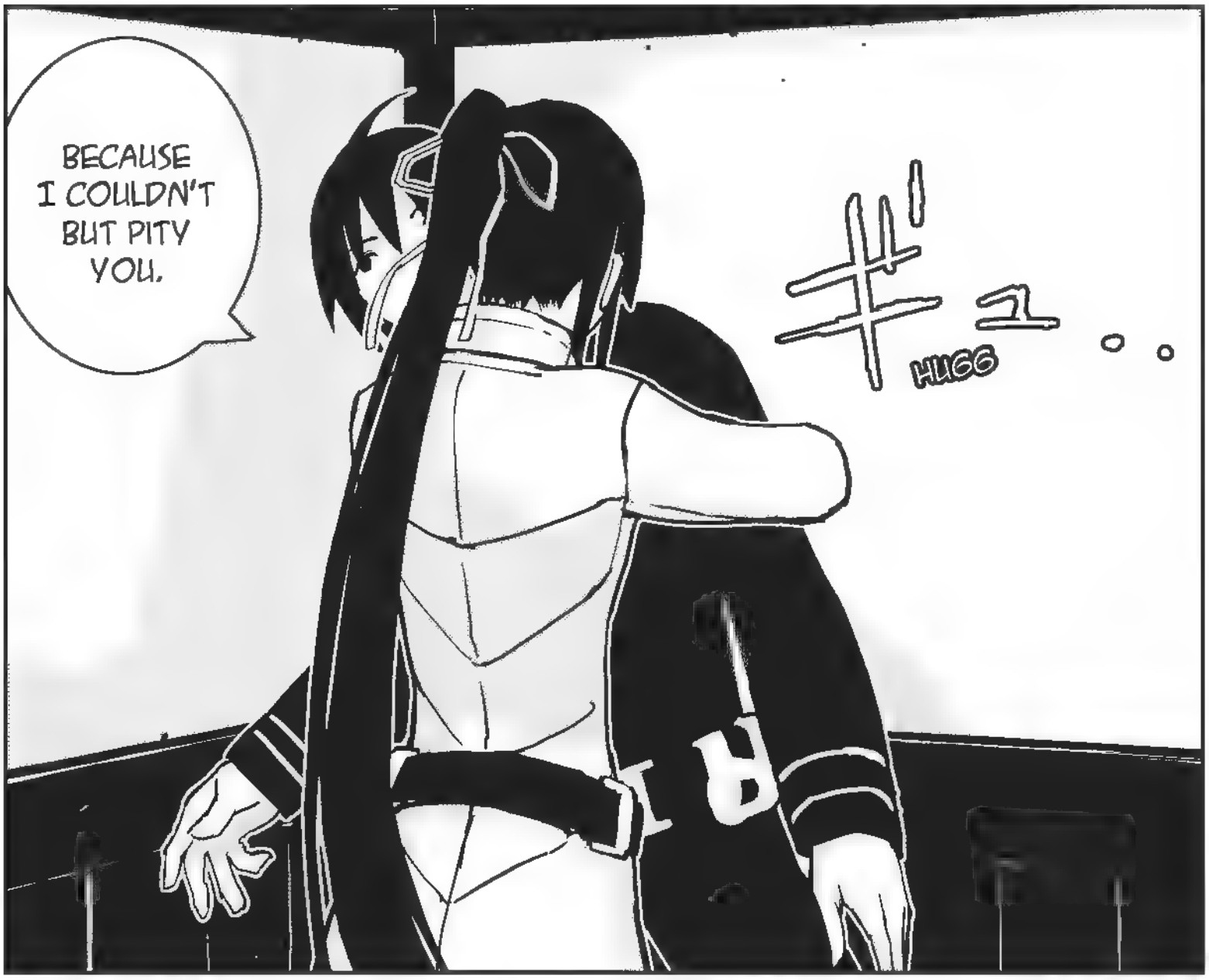
WHY DIDN'T MY GRANDPA WANT TO LET ME OUT OF THE UNDER-GROUND?

ARE YOU NOT HAPPY?

WELL, IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE.

YOU EVEN SHOWED ME YOUR FACE THOUGH IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE TOP SECRET...


I TOOK YOU UNDER MY WING ...
WE'RE STILL LOOKING INTO HIROKI SAITO AND THE DETAILS OF YOUR BIRTH.


BECAUSE I COULDN'T BUT PITY YOU.
HUGG

EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT? WERE YOU CHASING AFTER THE CAPTAIN?

HOSHI-JIRO.

!

UH, YEAH.

I JUST WANTED TO PAY MY REGARDS ...

OH... GOOD.

SHRUKK

I THOUGHT MAYBE YOU'D DONE SOMETHING BAD.

NAGATE, LET'S GO RIDE THAT UNDERWATER FLOATING TANK.

WHAT? NOW?!

OH...

AAH!

BUMP

GOOD IDEA! LET'S GO!

THAT'S FINE, BUT THE SUBSEA FLOATING TANKS TAKE FOUR. LET'S ALL RIDE TOGETHER.

OFFICIAL PILOTS ARE ALLOWED TO TAKE UP TO ONE COM-PANION!

MR. IZANA, YOU CAN GO WITH MS. HOSHI-JIRO, YES?

DARN...

...

Keep Your Shoes On!
Safety
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motion
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HIGGS GUIDED UNDERWATER FLOATING TANKS

MR. TANIKAZE, HAVE YOU EVER HAD AN ANGLERFISH HOT POT?

I DON'T THINK SO...

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DOOR OPENING ...

I CAN TAKE CARE OF THE BOARDING PROCEDURES AFTER VALIDATION.

I SEE, IT'S TRANS-PARENT ON THE INSIDE.

IT'S DELICIOUS! I'LL MAKE ONE FOR YOU, SO PLEASE HAVE SOME !

UM, SURE ...

TWO PERSONS

BEEP

BWAH
!

SHOVE

6

NAGATE
!

OPEN

CLOSE

WHUNK

HEY!
WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING
?!

I WANT
A RIDE
FOR
TWO!

GRAB

NFF
!

WHAP

CLOSING

VRRR

GSH GSH GSH

OH, NO!! TANIKAZE, OPEN THE DOOR!!

HNGGGG

WOBBLE

BAP

CLOSE

11:16

VWOSH

AAH !!

GONK

CLOSE

WHAM
TAP
TAP
WHUD
THWACK
OPEN
CLOSE

カミヨン
GSHNK

NO.

TWO PASSENGERS CONFIRMED. DOOR CLOSING.
VRRR

Owwwwww

ZIP
SORRY, TANI-KAZE!

...

WE WILL ENTER THE SEA SHORTLY. PLEASE HOLD ON TO THE HANDRAILS FOR SAFETY.

WELCOME TO HIGGS GUIDED UNDERWATER FLOTATION.

GUIDED

AH!

IT'S TAKING OFF!

BLUB

GLOB

WOW

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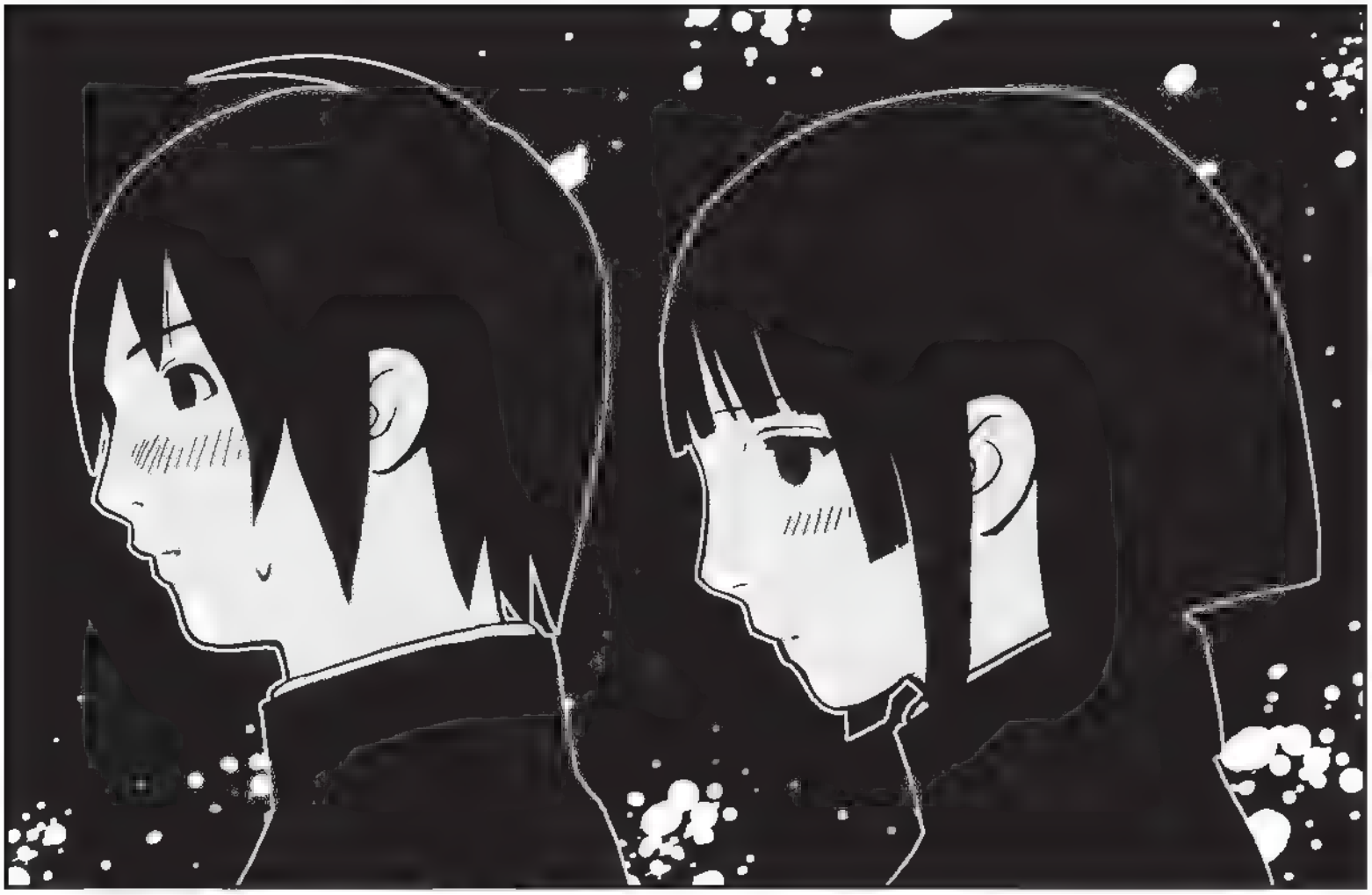

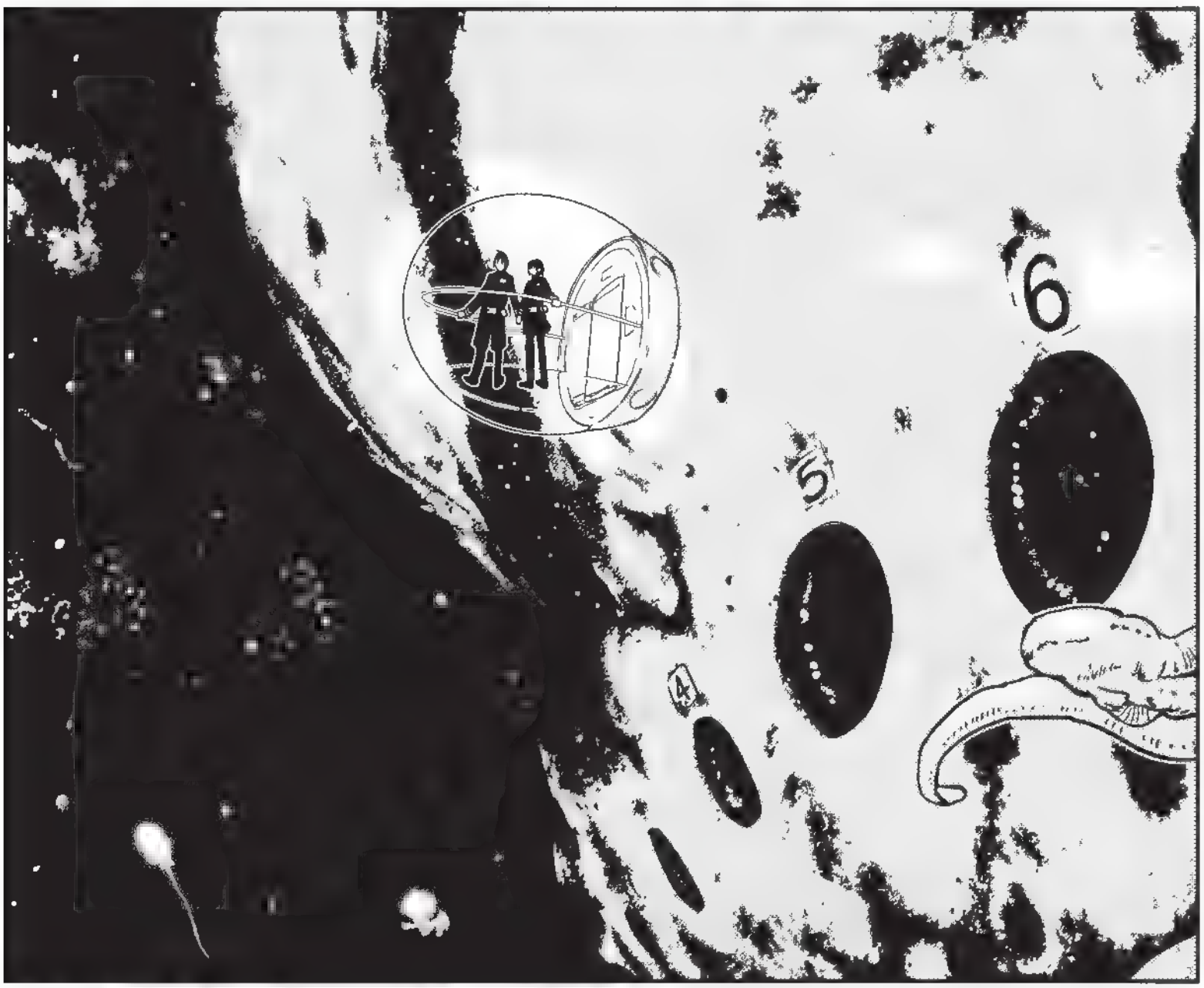

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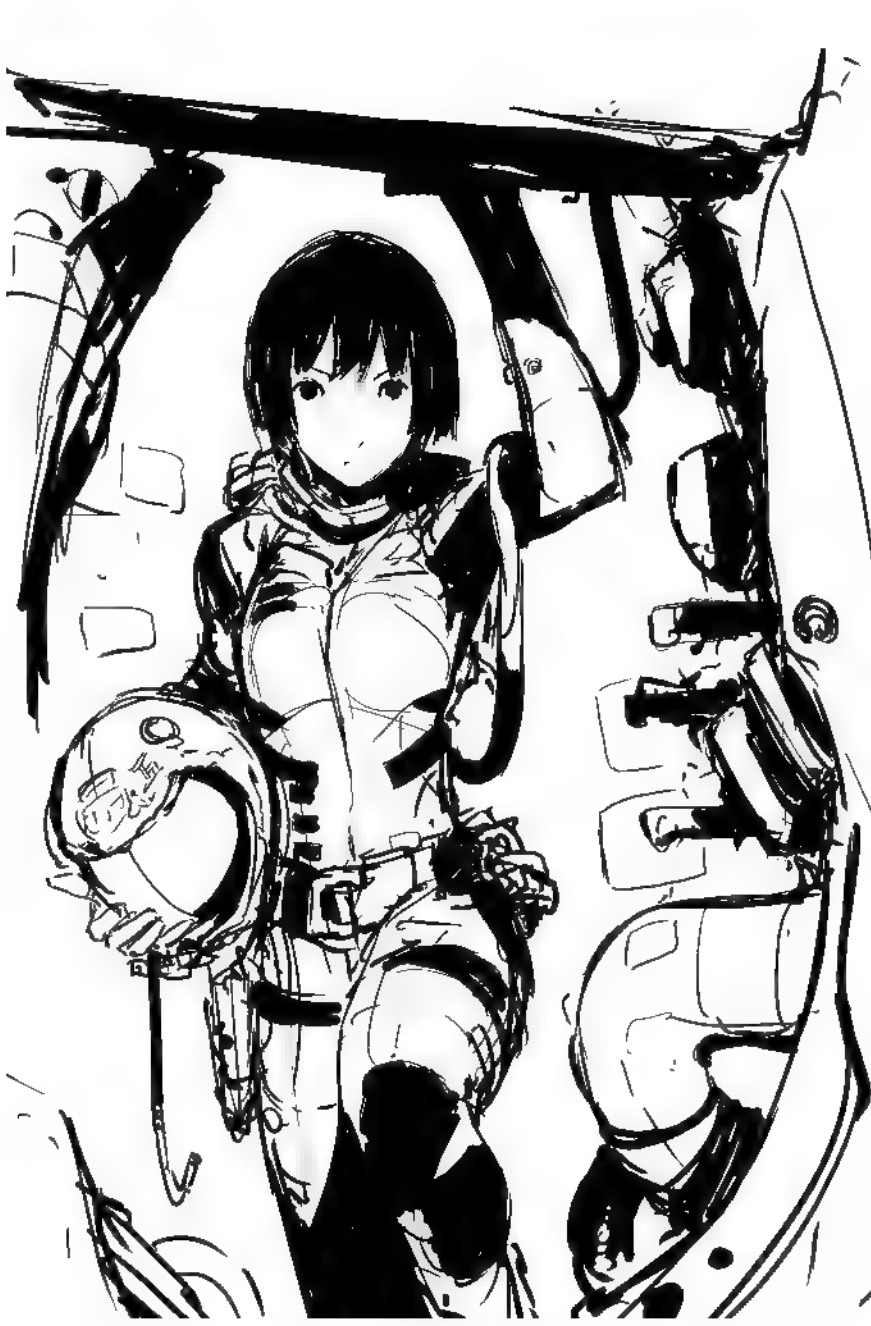


KNIGHTS OF SIDONIA
BY TSUTOMU NIHEI

Chapter 9: Shizuka Hoshijiro's Salute

One Hundred Sights of Sidonia Part Seven: The Captain's Chamber

ONE FOURTH!! IT'S THAT BIG?!

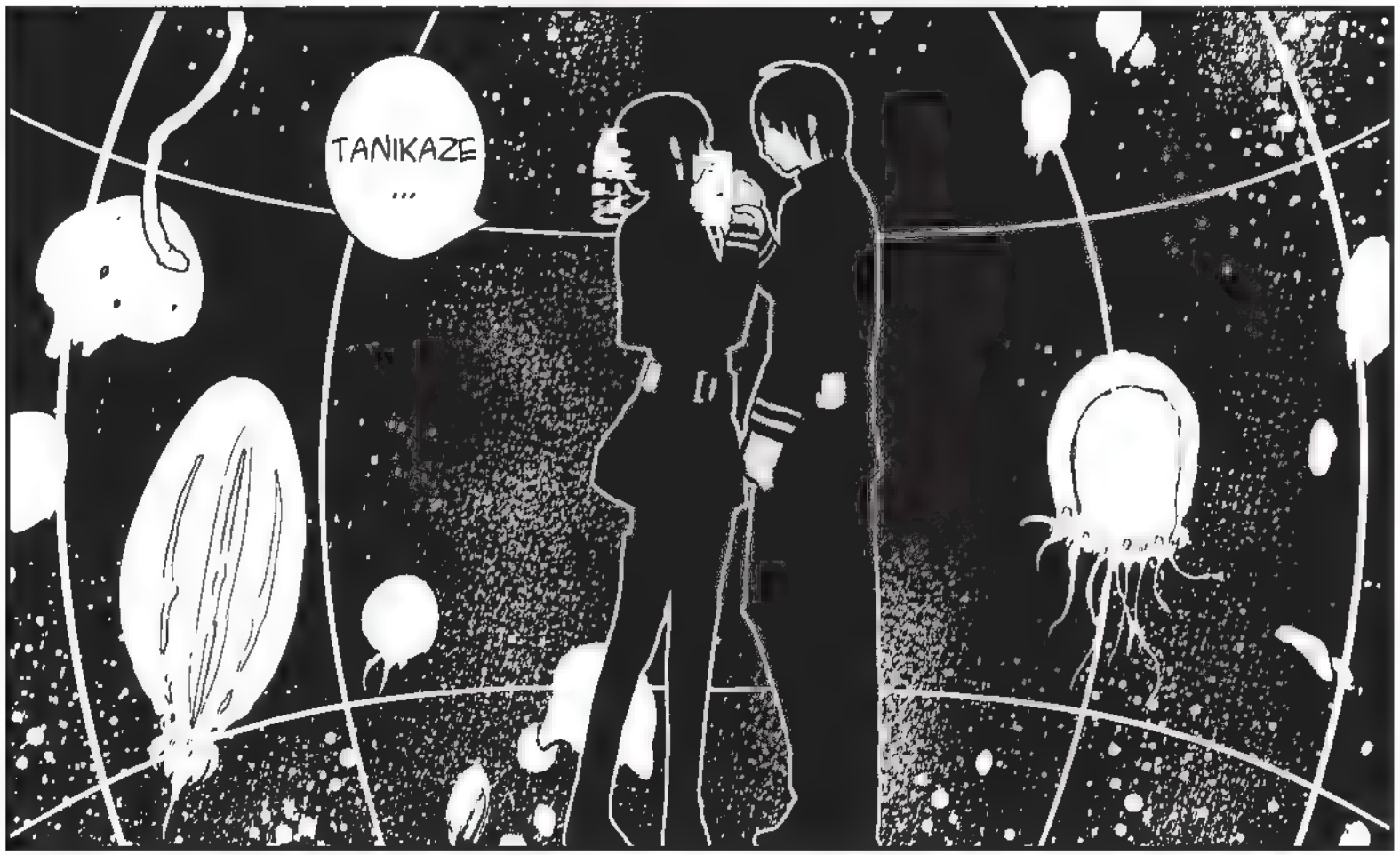
AMAZING... I DIDN'T KNOW WE HAD A PLACE LIKE THIS ...

A FOURTH OF SIDONIA IS THE SEAWATER STRATUM.

WE'D BEST GET OFF AT THE NEAREST EXIT, HUH?
THIS IS SET TO FULL CIRCUIT. AND TWO LAPS...
AH ...

GRIP

IT'S FINE THAT WAY.


TANIKAZE ...

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WAH
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VVV
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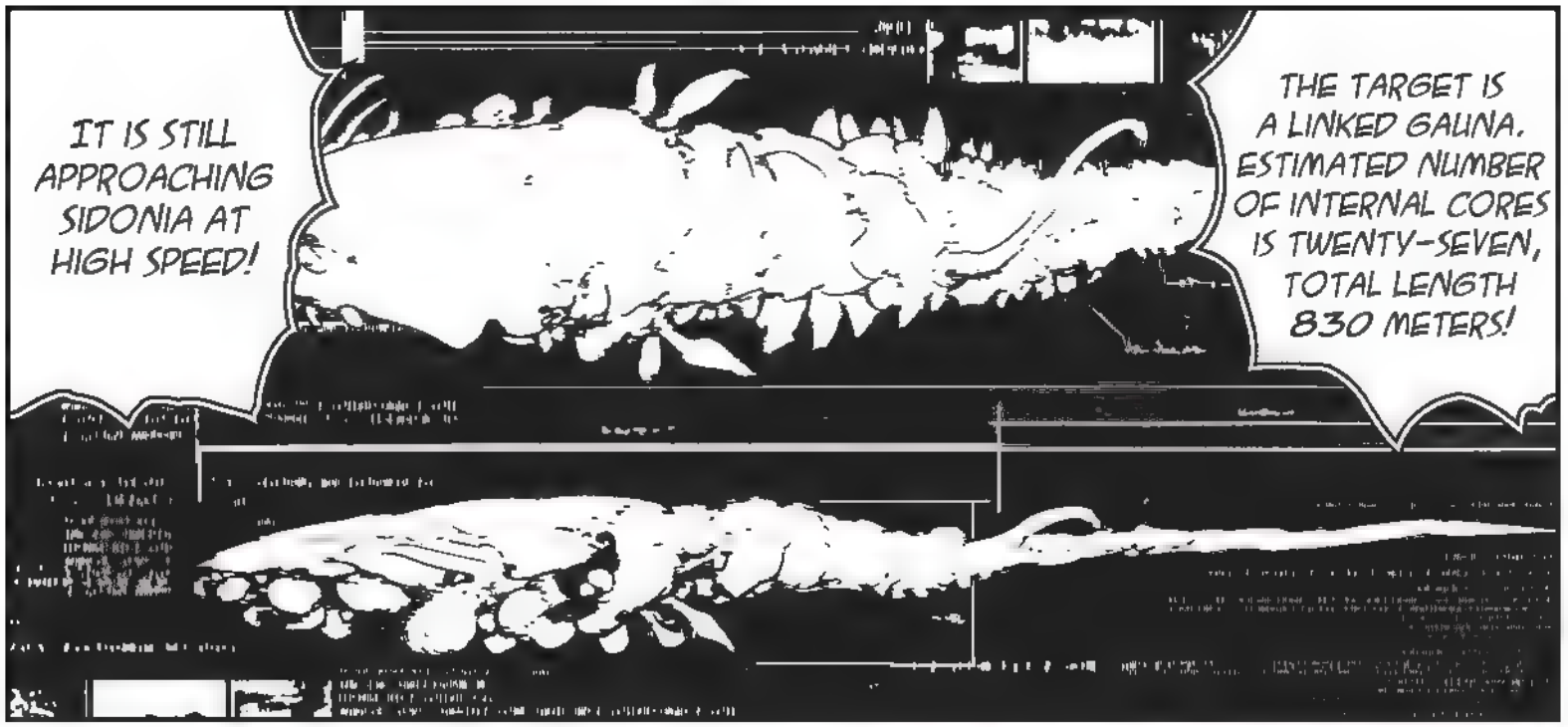
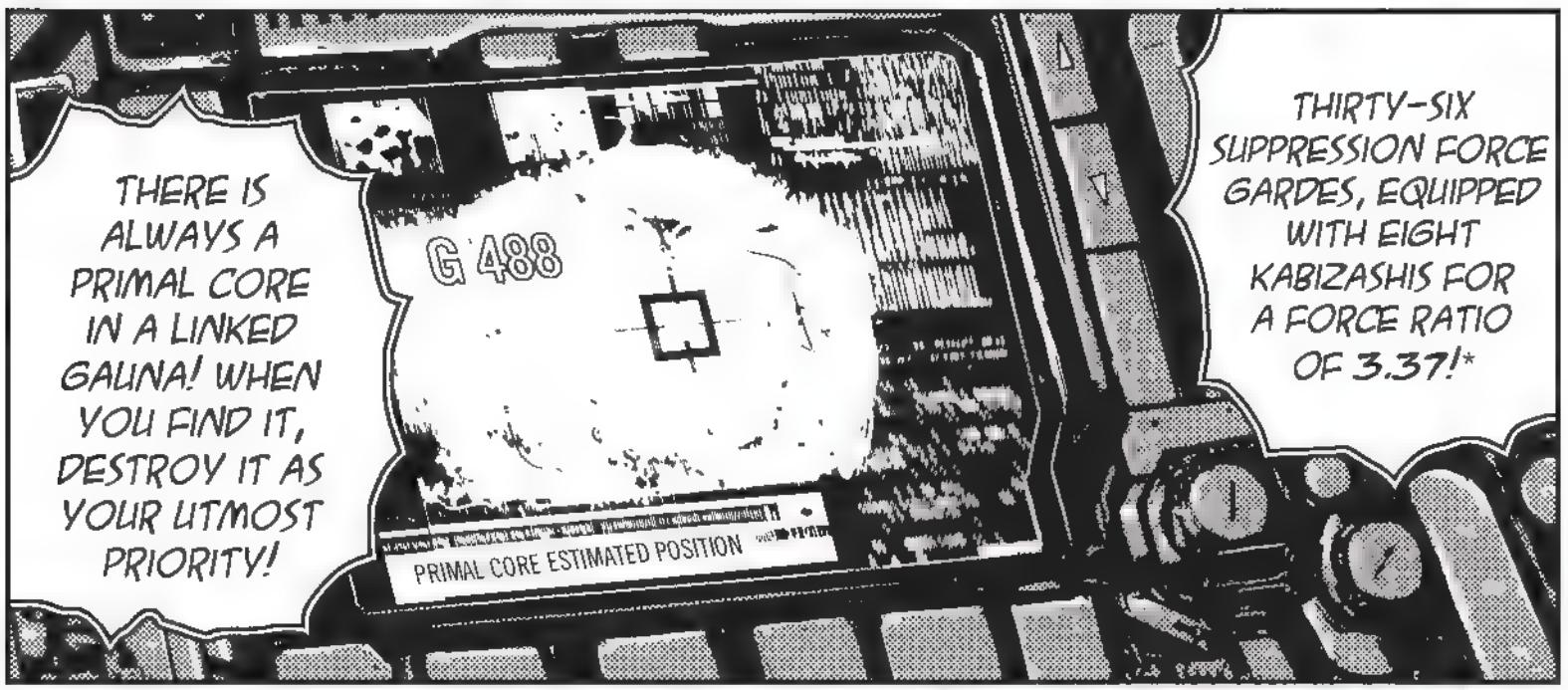
GAUNA
SIGHTED

A6

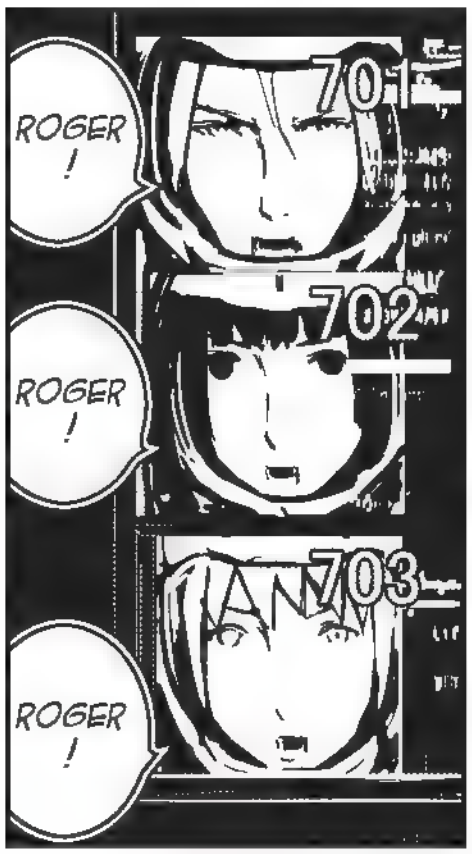
TANI-
KAZE.

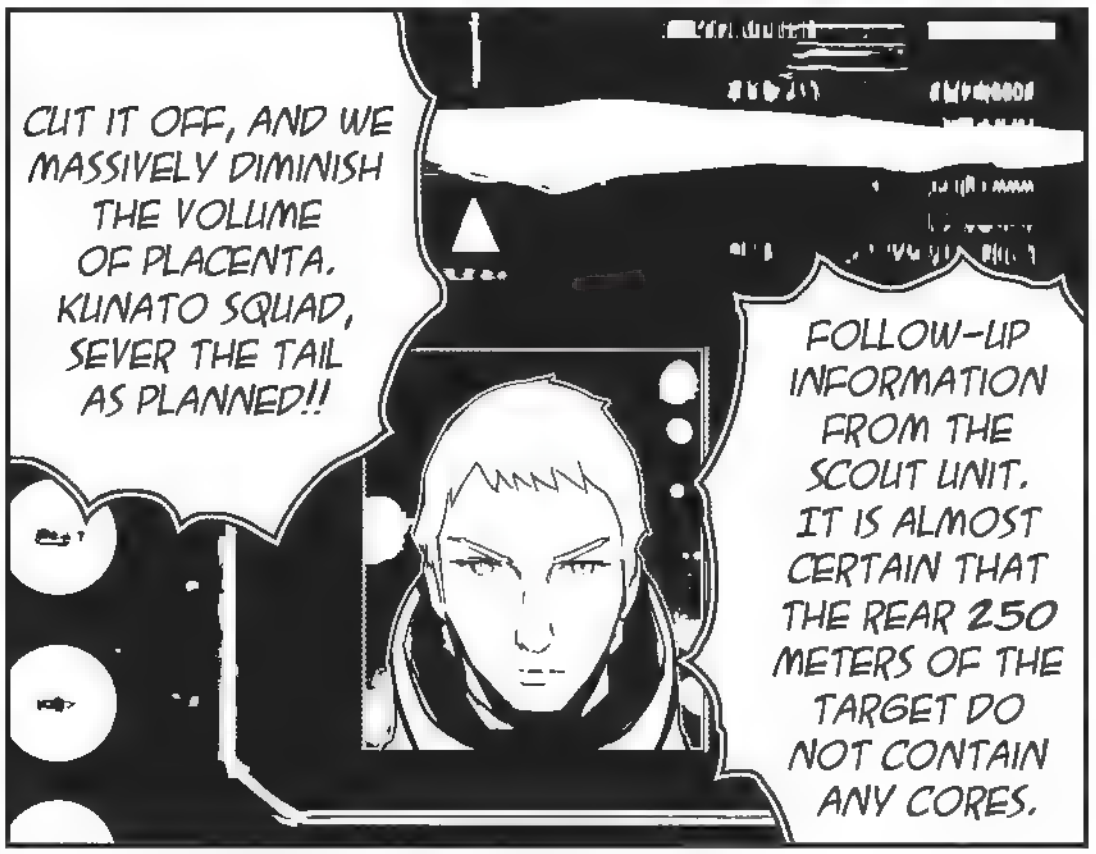
SORTIE LANE A5


IT IS STILL APPROACHING SIDONIA AT HIGH SPEED!
THE TARGET IS A LINKED GAUNA. ESTIMATED NUMBER OF INTERNAL CORES IS TWENTY-SEVEN, TOTAL LENGTH 830 METERS!


THERE IS ALWAYS A PRIMAL CORE IN A LINKED GAUNA! WHEN YOU FIND IT, DESTROY IT AS YOUR UTMOST PRIORITY!
G 488
PRIMAL CORE ESTIMATED POSITION
THIRTY-SIX SUPPRESSION FORCE GARDES, EQUIPPED WITH EIGHT KABIZASHIS FOR A FORCE RATIO OF 3.37!*

* the ratio of 27 Gaunas to 8 Kabizashis




CUT IT OFF, AND WE MASSIVELY DIMINISH THE VOLUME OF PLACENTA. KUNATO SQUAD, SEVER THE TAIL AS PLANNED!!
FOLLOW-UP INFORMATION FROM THE SCOUT UNIT. IT IS ALMOST CERTAIN THAT THE REAR 250 METERS OF THE TARGET DO NOT CONTAIN ANY CORES.

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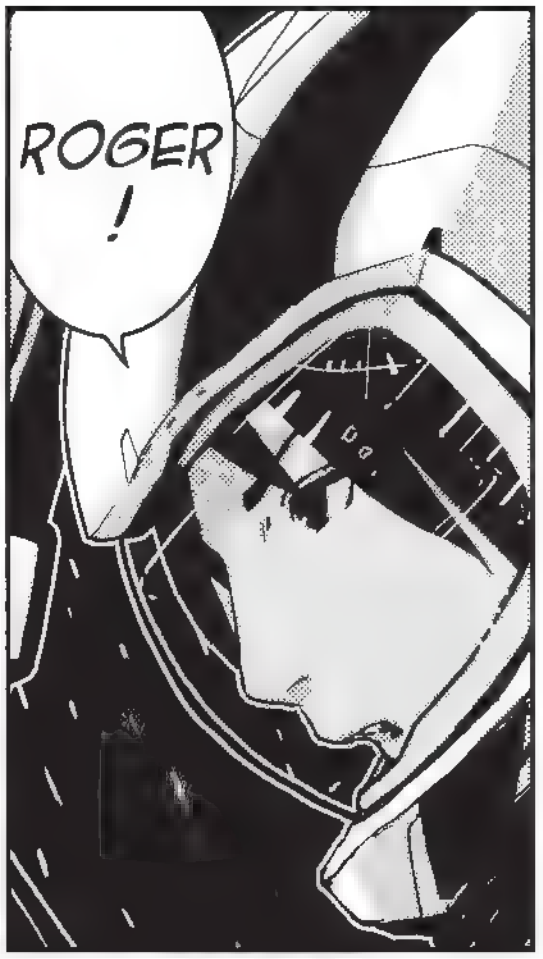
ROGER
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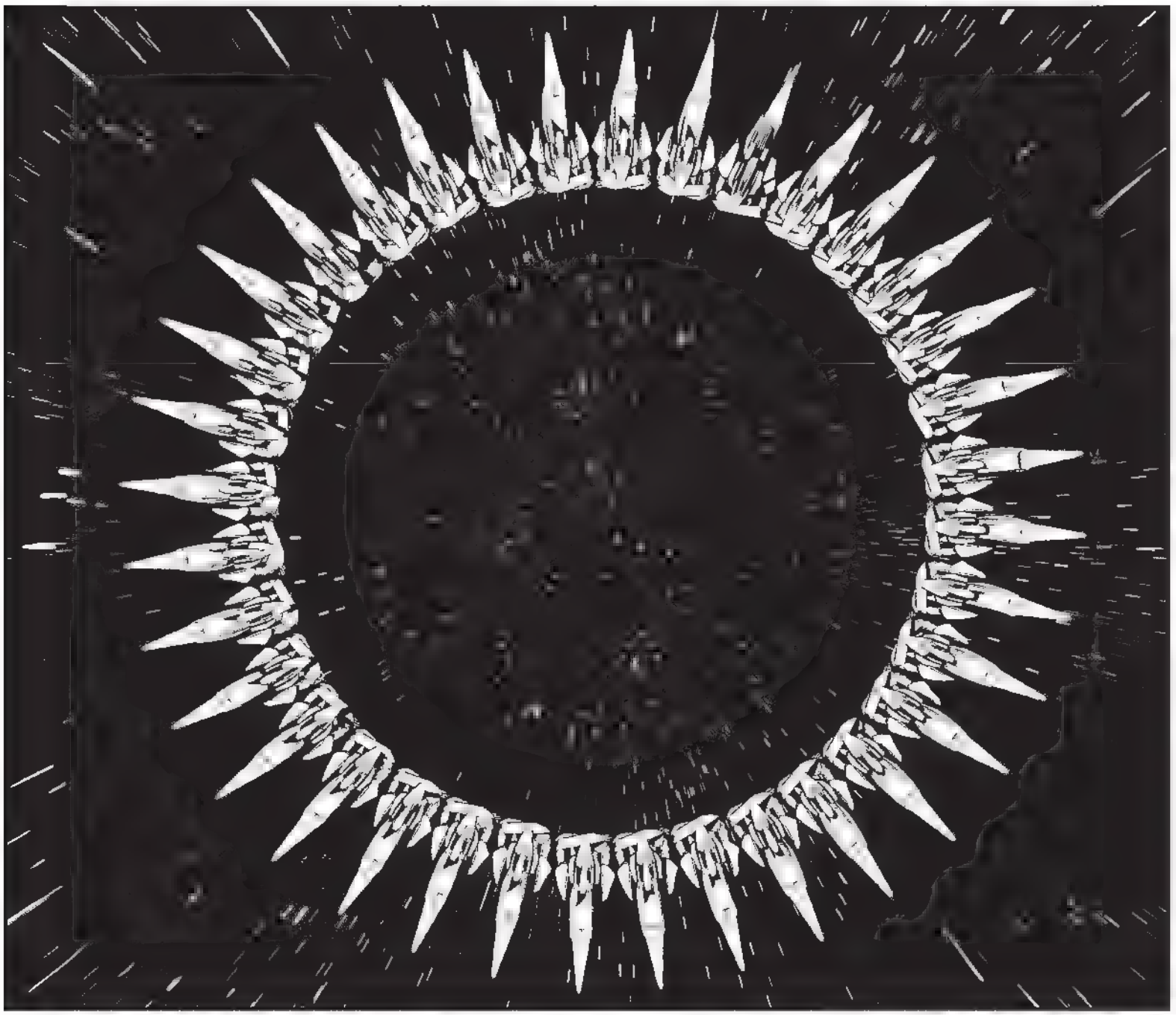

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1000 KILO UNITS TO TARGET!!

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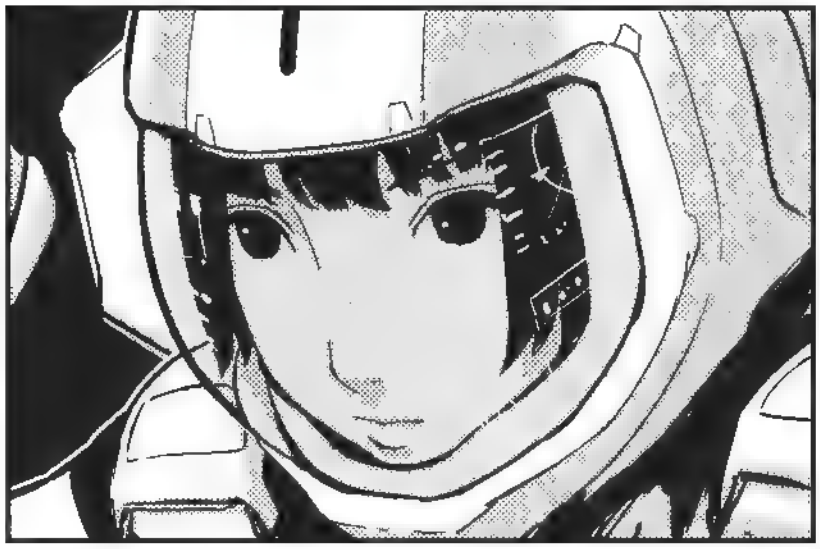
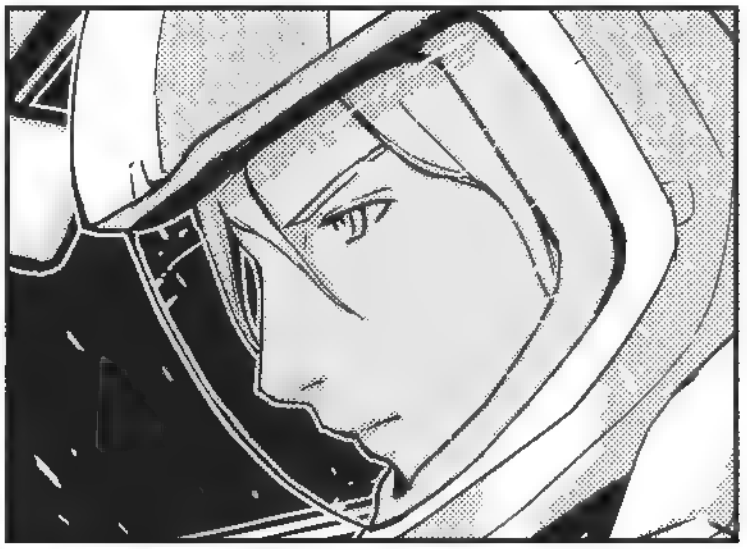
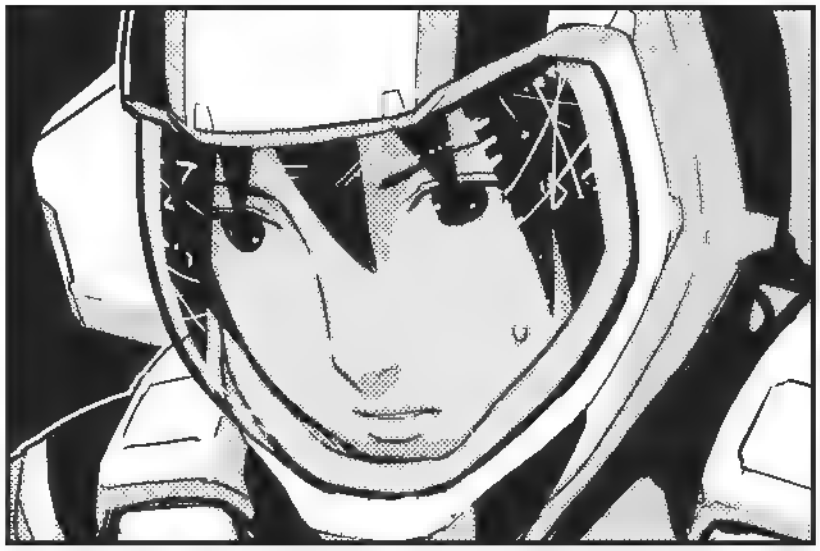
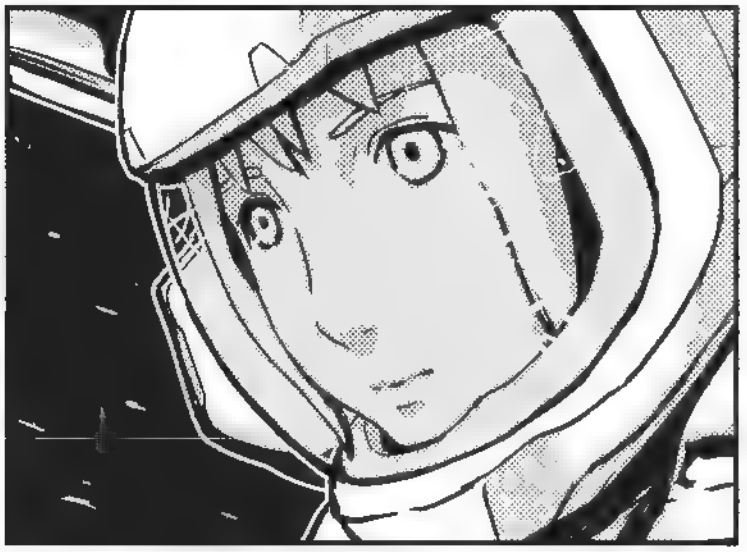
GRD 36 UNITS
KABI 8









COM-MENCE ATTACK !!

VWOOM

DIS-SOLVE CLASP ARRAY !!

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005

BFFFFF
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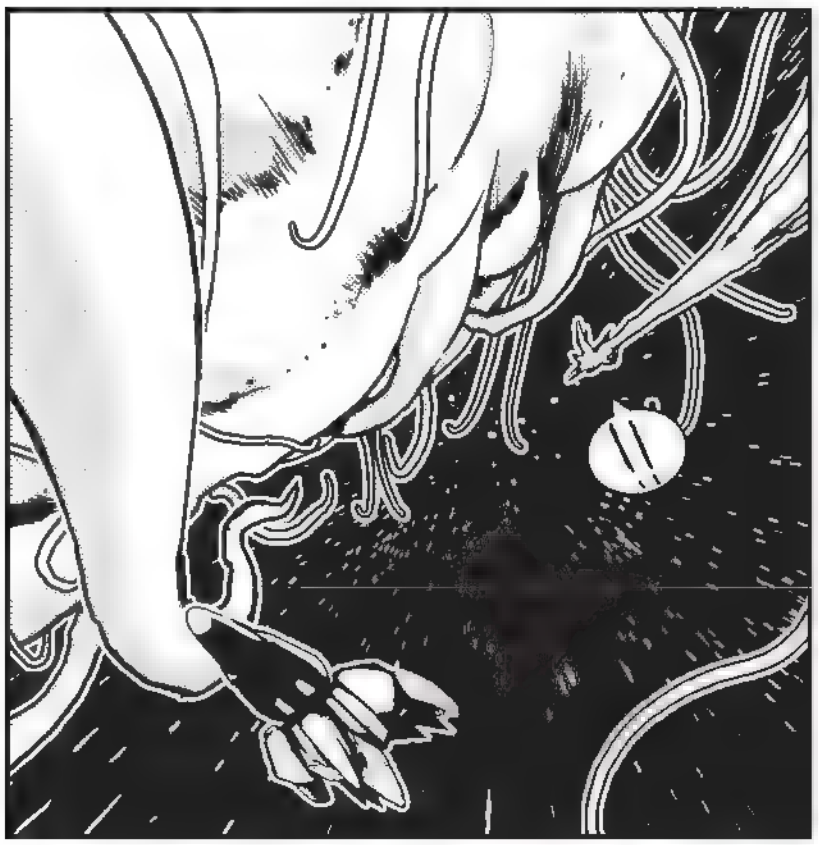
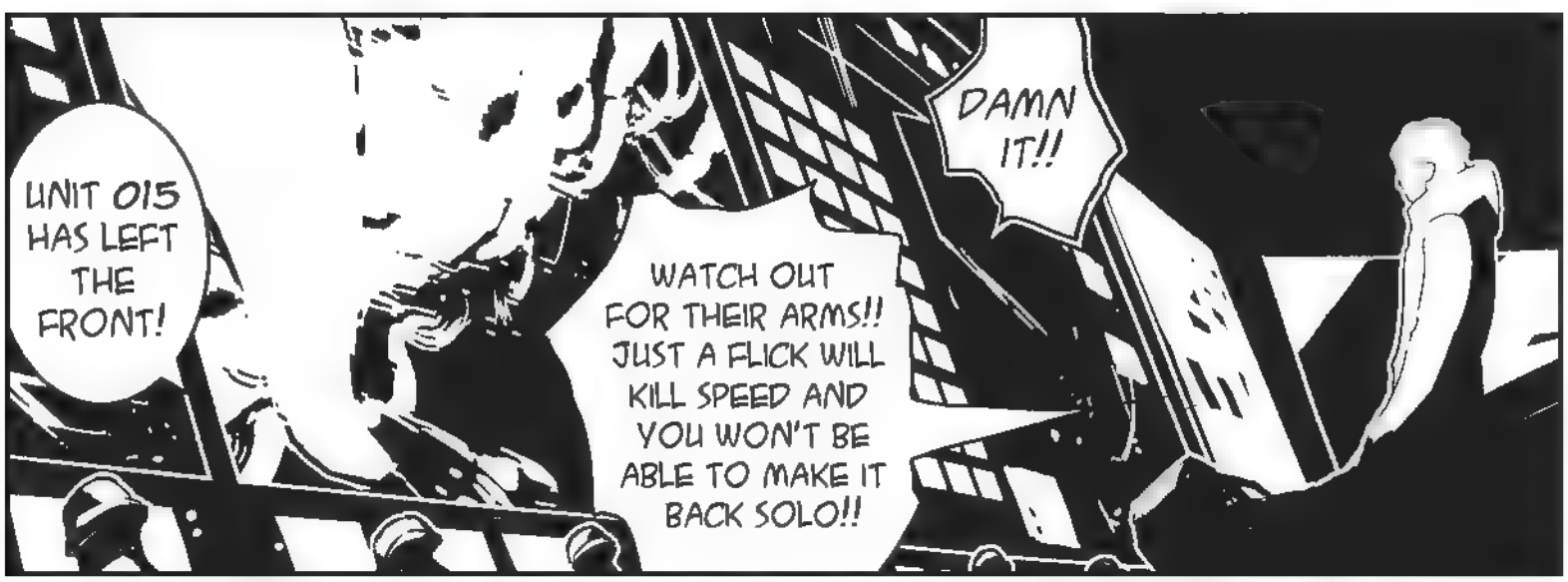
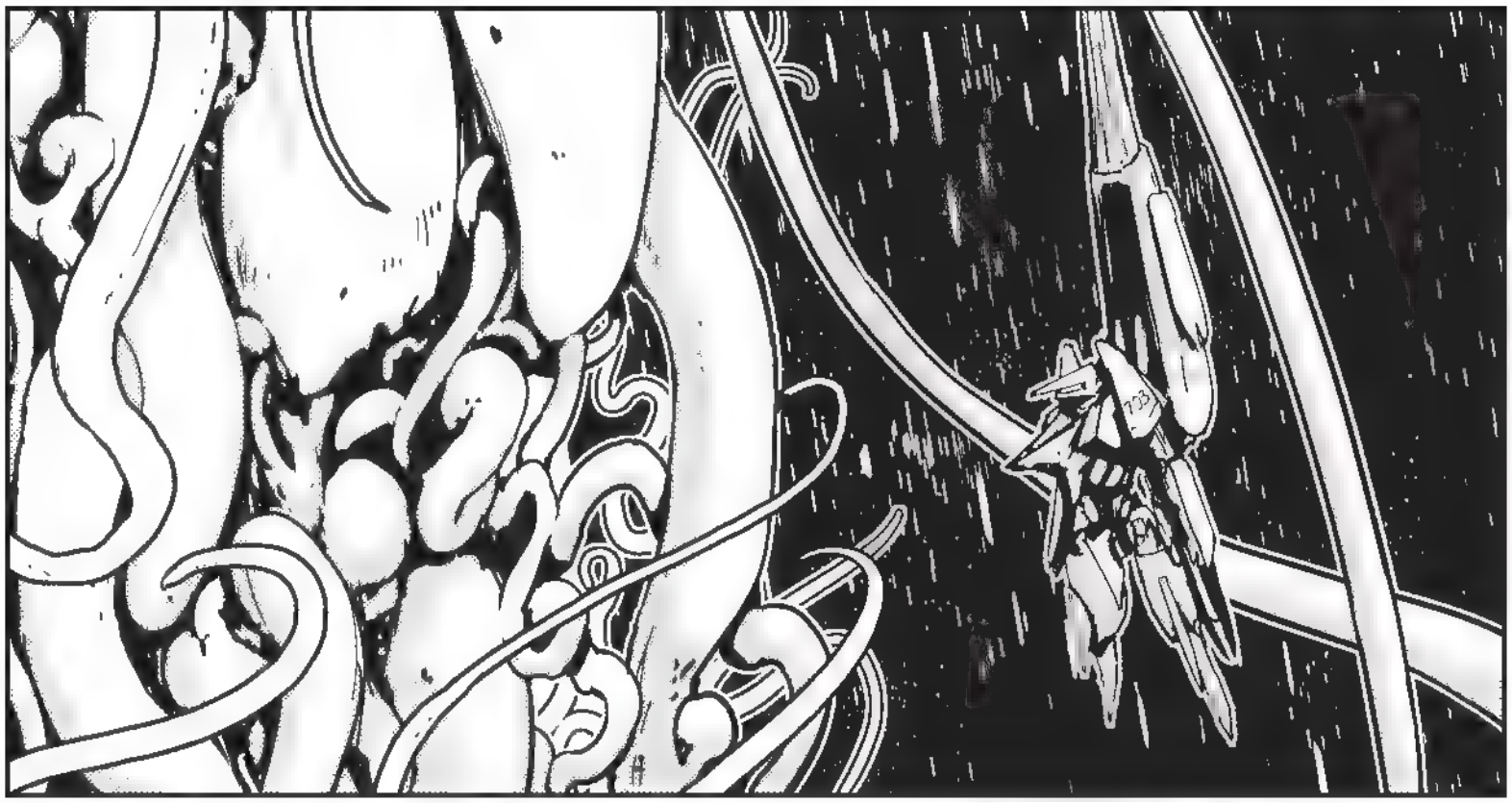
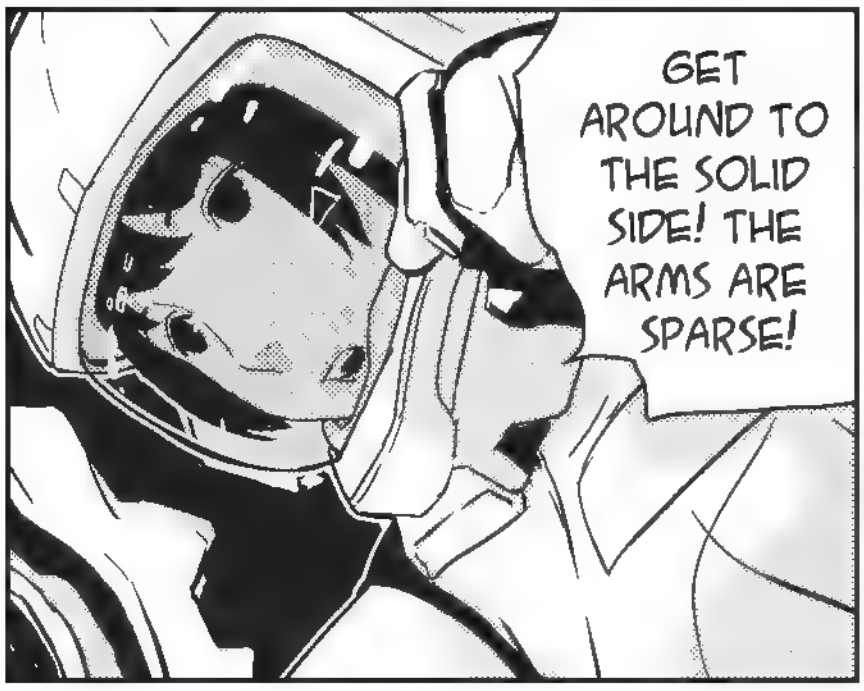


WHIP
KRAK


UNIT 015 HAS LEFT THE FRONT!
WATCH OUT FOR THEIR ARMS!! JUST A FLICK WILL KILL SPEED AND YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO MAKE IT BACK SOLO!!
DAMN IT!!




GET AROUND TO THE SOLID SIDE! THE ARMS ARE SPARSE!

WE CAN'T GET CLOSE LIKE THIS!!

WHUNK

UNIT 704, TANIKAZE, COMPLETE!

FLASH

ATTACHMENT CONFIRMED FOR ALL KUNATO SQUAD UNITS!! BEGIN EXPLOSIVE PILINGS!!

701

VWUM
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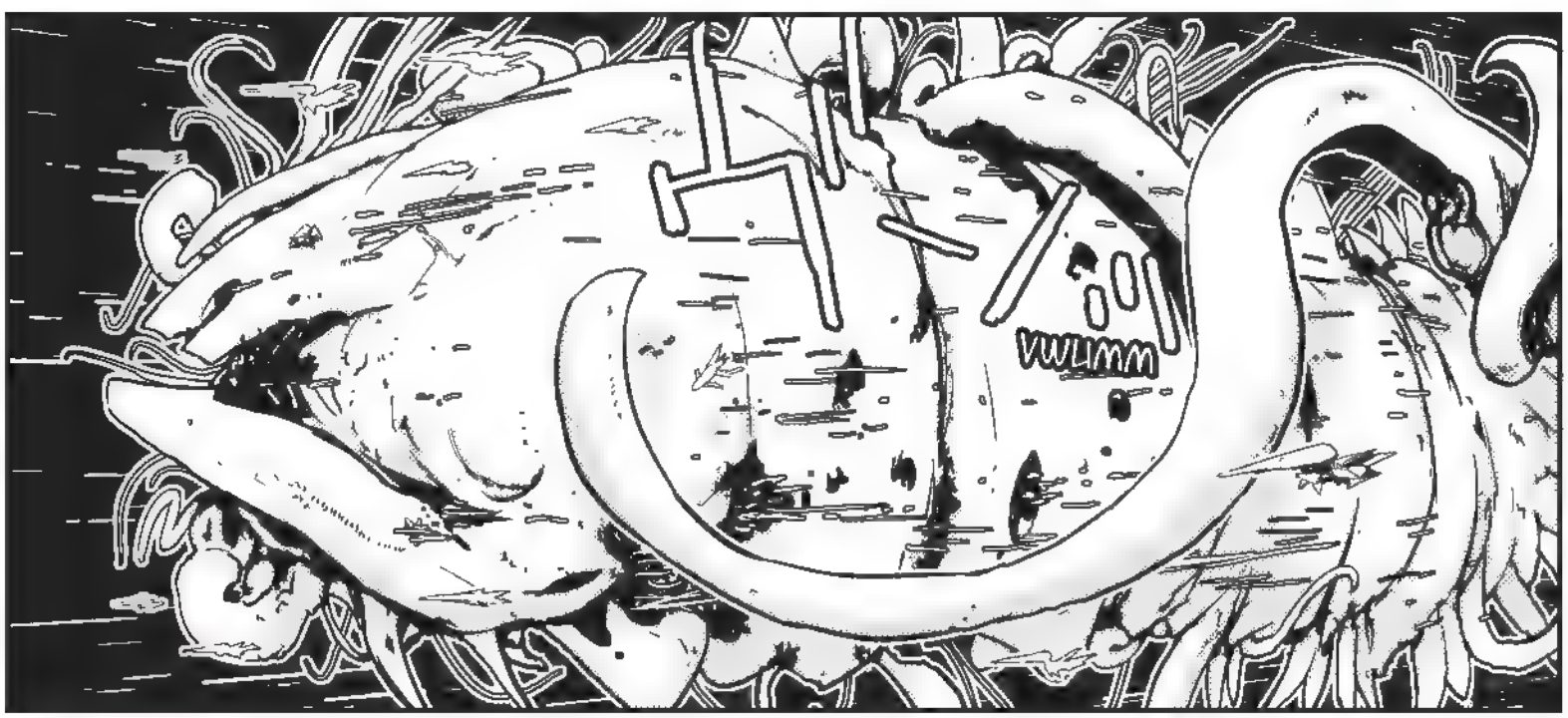
ONE CORE EXPOSED !!
BLEE

BFOOM
CORE DE-STROYED !!

VWSH

GOT ONE HERE, TOO!!


VVLMM

HURRY, SEVER IT!!

IT USED ITS DAMN TAIL!!

FRONT RETURN INFEASIBLE I

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DIP

ONCE WE GET TO TWELVE PILES, WE'LL DETONATE AT ONCE ON MY SIGNAL.

ROGER!

ROGER!

GER!

EXPLOSIVE PILING STATUS

701 KUNATO 1/4

702 HOSHI 2/3

HOSHI-JIRO, FOUR IN!

HONOKA, TWO!!

TANIKAZE !!

THREE !

WHMP

D-ZO

702

PREPARE TO DETO-NATE!

CLIK

CODE 004874475DJ897LW
SWITCH TRANSMISSION CONFIGURATION
0089H86R028G0959A
COMMUNICATIONS RESTRICTED TO UNIT 704

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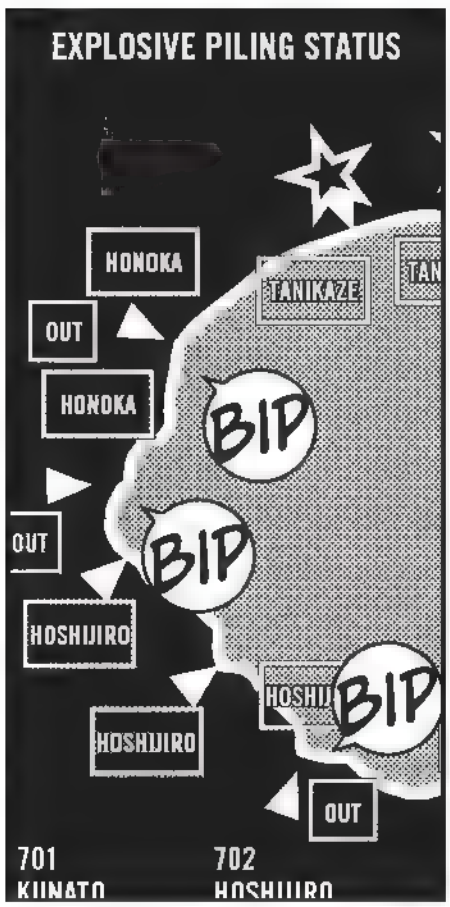
PAT

BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
704
TANI-KAZE ?!
EXPLOSIVE PILING STATUS
12 PILES
HONOKA
TANIKAZE
TANIKAZE
TANIKAZE
KUNATO
HONOKA
BIP
BIP
BIP
KUNATO
HOSHIJIRO
HOSHIJIRO
HOSHIJIRO
HOSHIJIRO
KUNATO
701 KUNATO 3 / 4
702 HOSHIJIRO 4 / 4
703 HONOKA 2 / 4
704 TANIKAZE 3 / 4
TANIKAZE!! KUNATO HASN'T SIGNALED YET!!
WEREN'T WE ALL GONNA GO AT THE SAME TIME?!


EXPLOSIVE PILING STATUS
HONOKA
OUT
HONOKA
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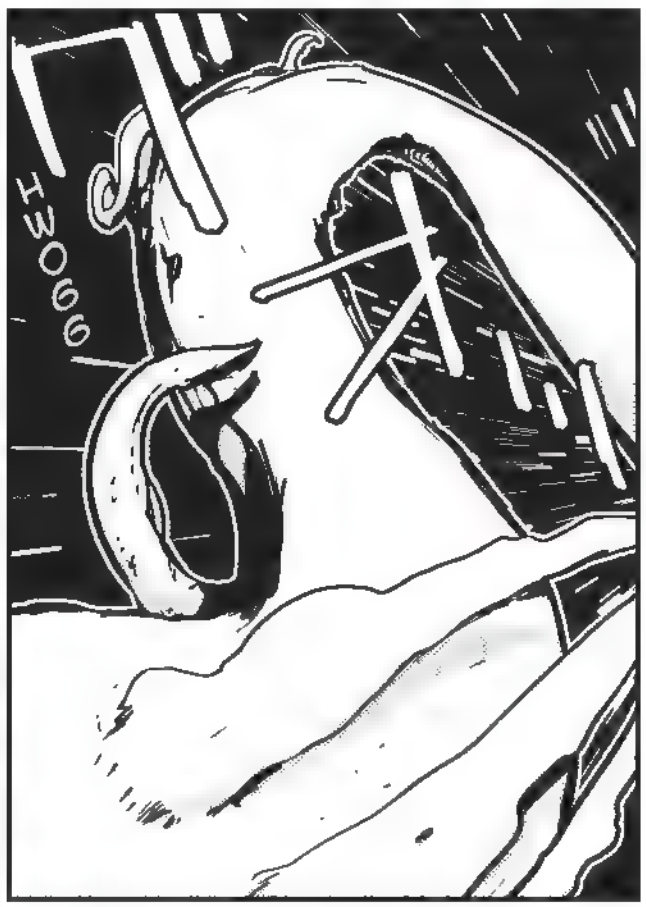
HOSHIJIRO

BLOP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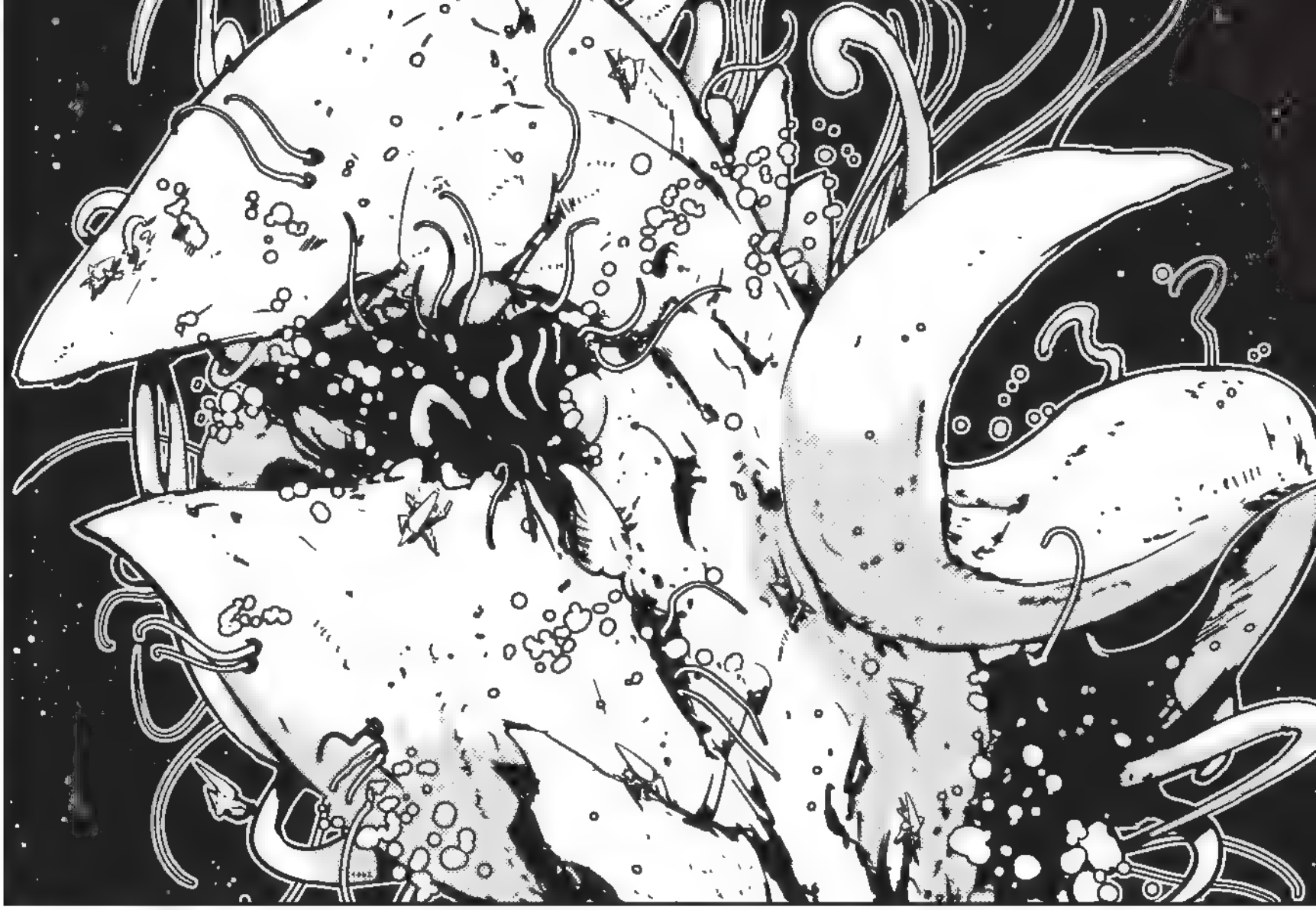
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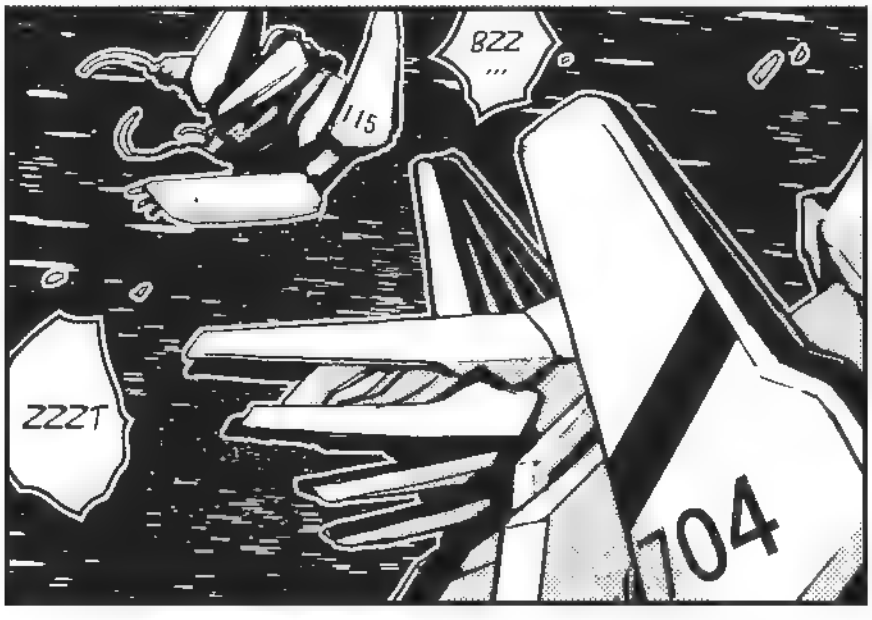
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ZZZT
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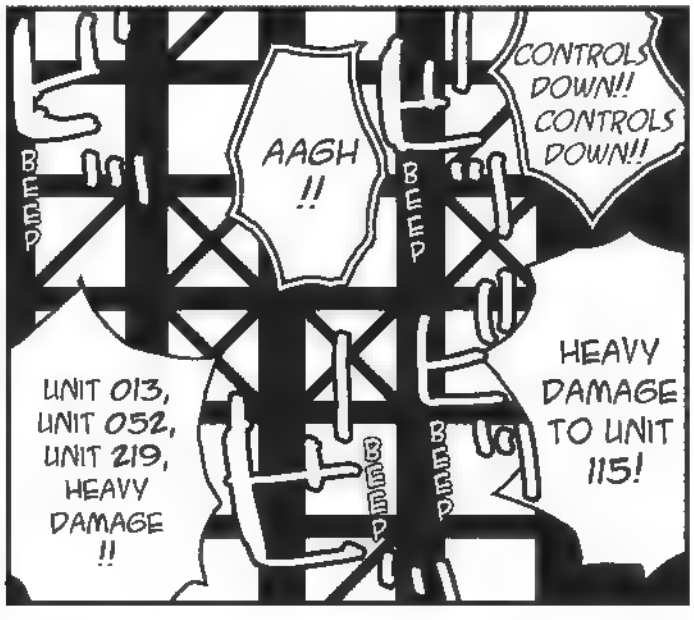
BEEP
AAGH
!!
BEEP
CONTROLS DOWN!! CONTROLS DOWN!!
UNIT 013, UNIT 052, UNIT 219, HEAVY DAMAGE !!
BEEP
BEEP
HEAVY DAMAGE TO UNIT 115!

TANI-
KAZE!!

WHOK

W-
WAIT
...

NO...
I...

TANI-
KAZE
!!

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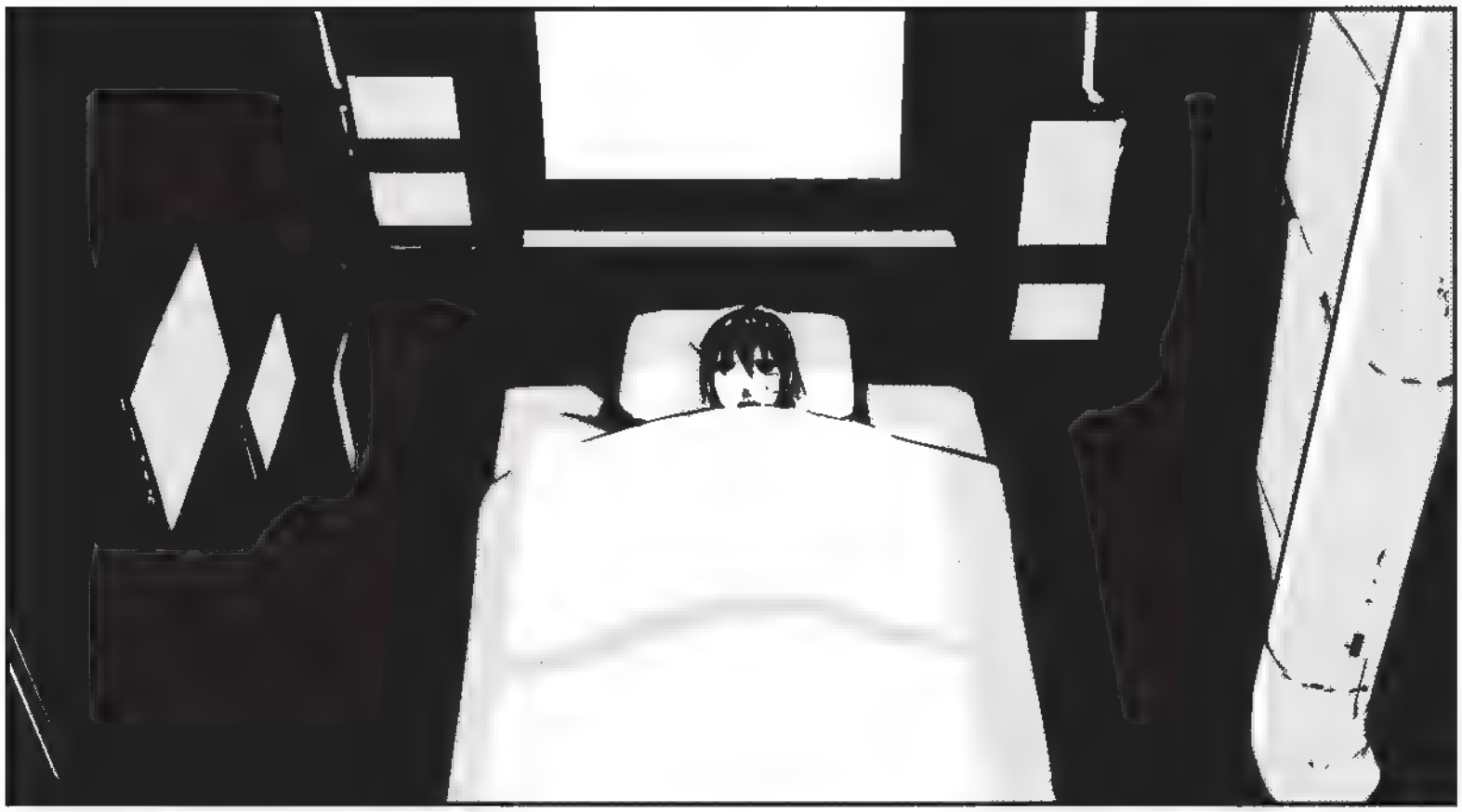
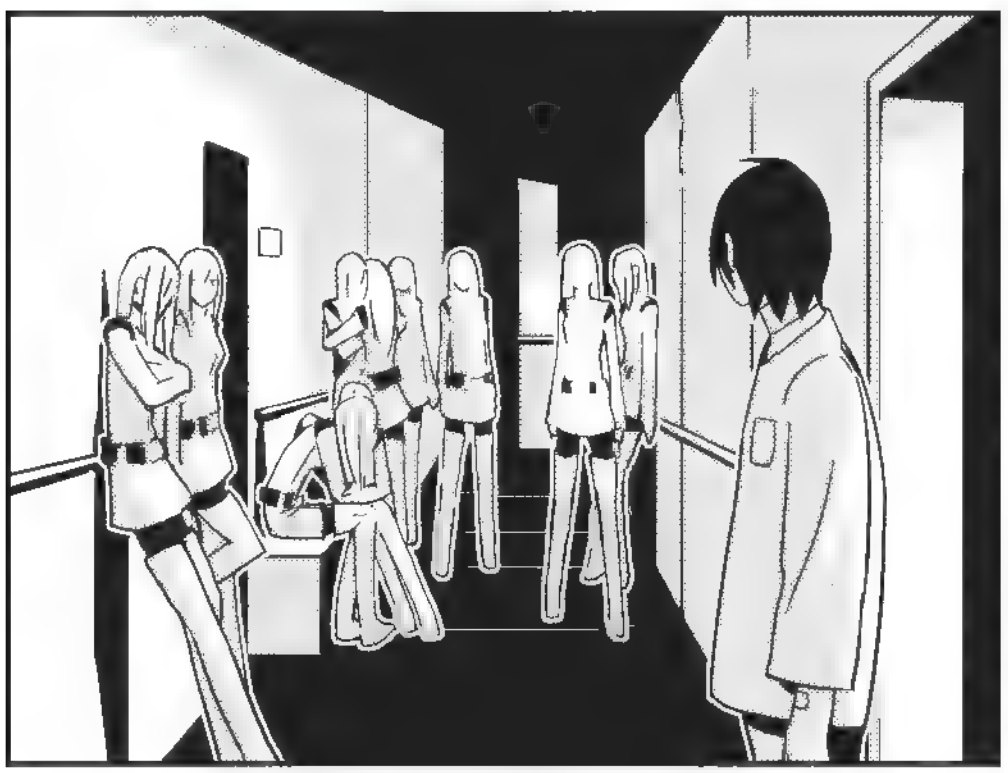
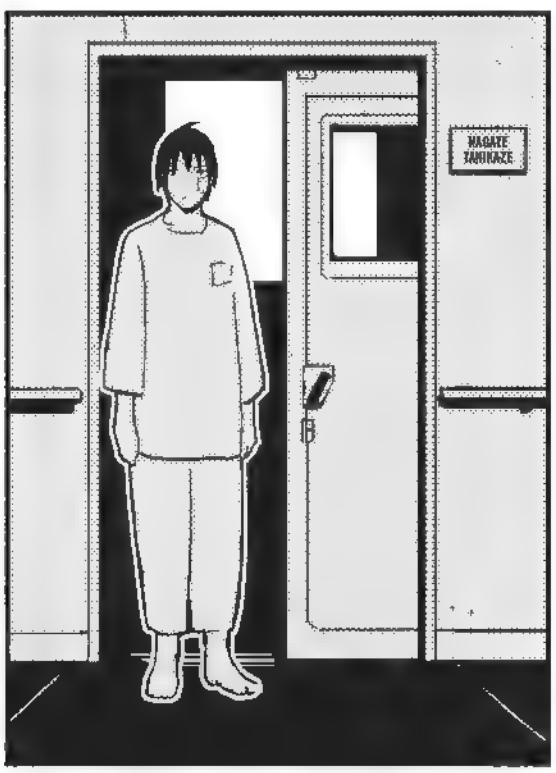





NAGATE
TANIKAZE

IT'S YOUR FAULT!!

TANI-KAZE ...

!!

HUH ...?

COME ON.

LET'S GET BACK TO YOUR ROOM.

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT... YOU CAN WALK?!

IZANA ...

WHAT WERE THE HONOKAS TALKING ABOUT?

MY FAULT ...

THEY SAID YOU COULD EASILY HAVE DIED.

YOU'D BETTER LIE DOWN.

!!

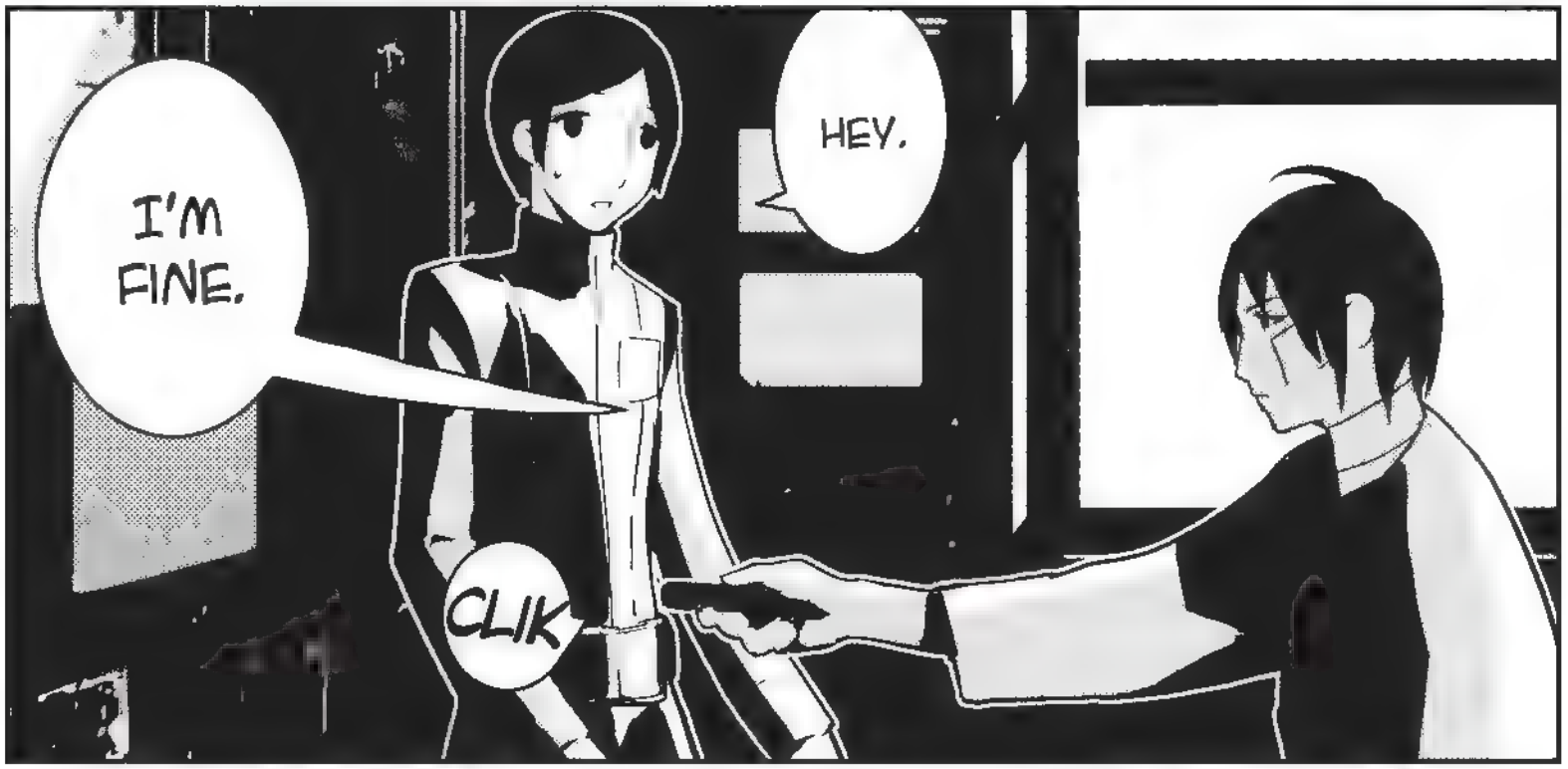
HOW DID I END UP HERE?

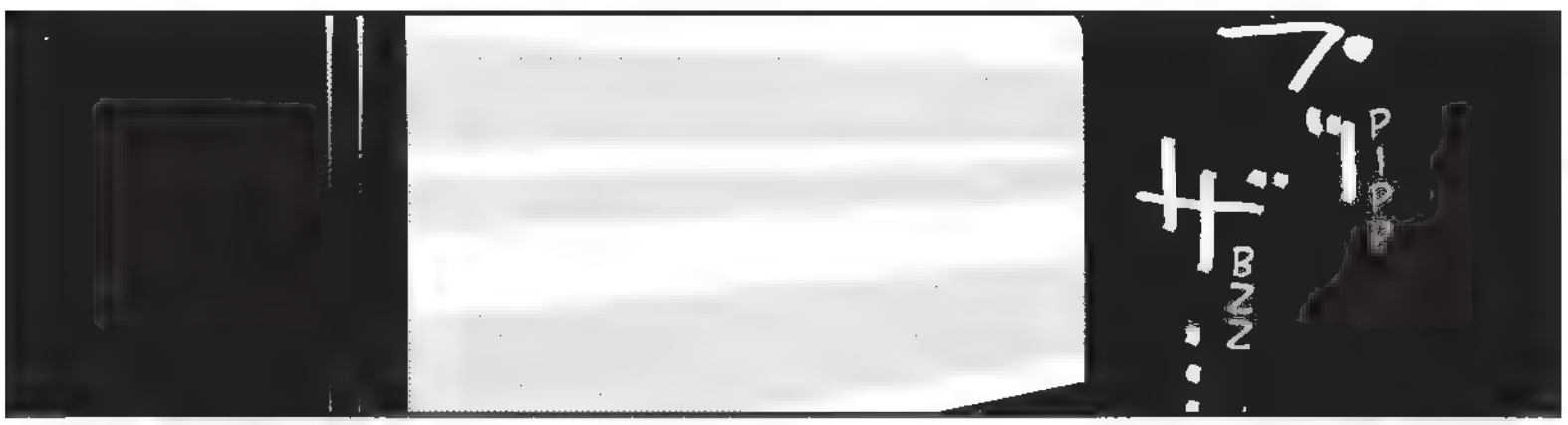
CALM DOWN. I'LL CALL THE DOCTOR OVER.

IZA-NA!

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE SAUNA?

YOU SHOULD GET SOME MORE SLEEP.
YOU LOOK PALE.
WHAT'S WRONG, IZANA?


I'M FINE.
HEY.
CLIK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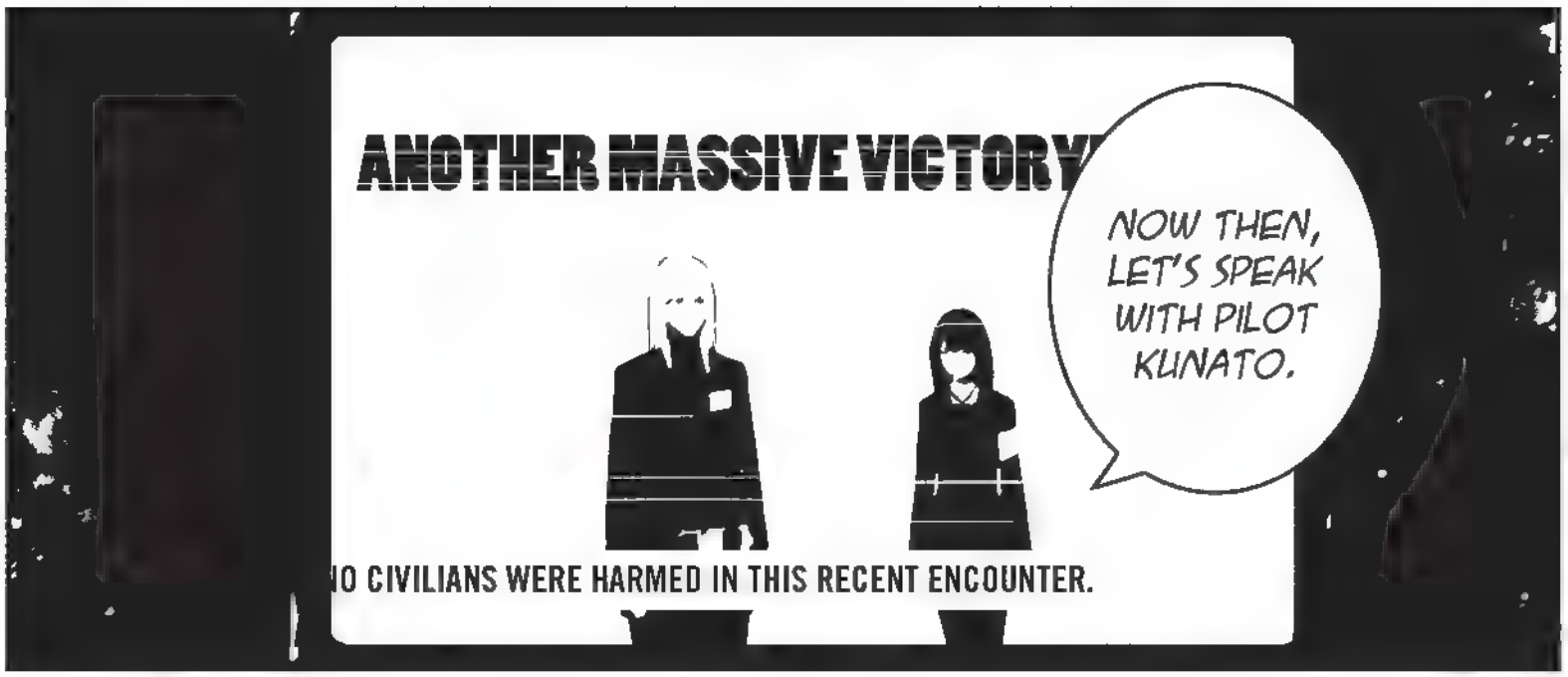
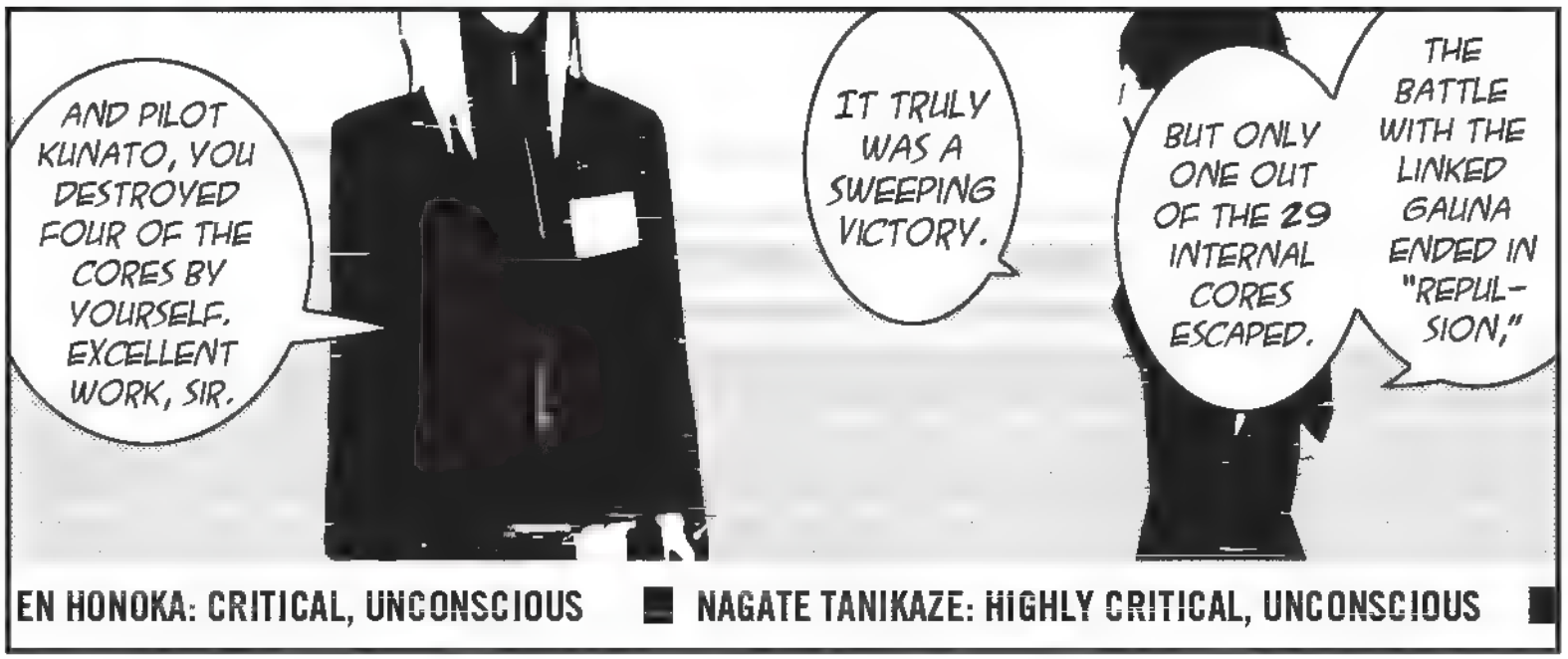
BZZ


ANOTHER MASSIVE VICTORY!
NOW THEN, LET'S SPEAK WITH PILOT KUNATO.
NO CIVILIANS WERE HARMED IN THIS RECENT ENCOUNTER.

THAT WAS A GREAT SHOWING.
COME ON, NAGATE.
ANOTHER MASSIVE VICTORY!
HELLO, PILOT KUNATO.
HI.


AND PILOT KUNATO, YOU DESTROYED FOUR OF THE CORES BY YOURSELF. EXCELLENT WORK, SIR.
IT TRULY WAS A SWEEPING VICTORY.
BUT ONLY ONE OUT OF THE 29 INTERNAL CORES ESCAPED.
THE BATTLE WITH THE LINKED GAUNA ENDED IN "REPULSION,"
EN HONOKA: CRITICAL, UNCONSCIOUS
NAGATE TANIKAZE: HIGHLY CRITICAL, UNCONSCIOUS

IF THE TAIL HAD BEEN SEVERED, THEY CONTEND, TOTAL VICTORY MAY HAVE BEEN OURS...

THERE CERTAINLY IS STRONG CRITICISM GATHERING AGAINST PILOT TANIKAZE.

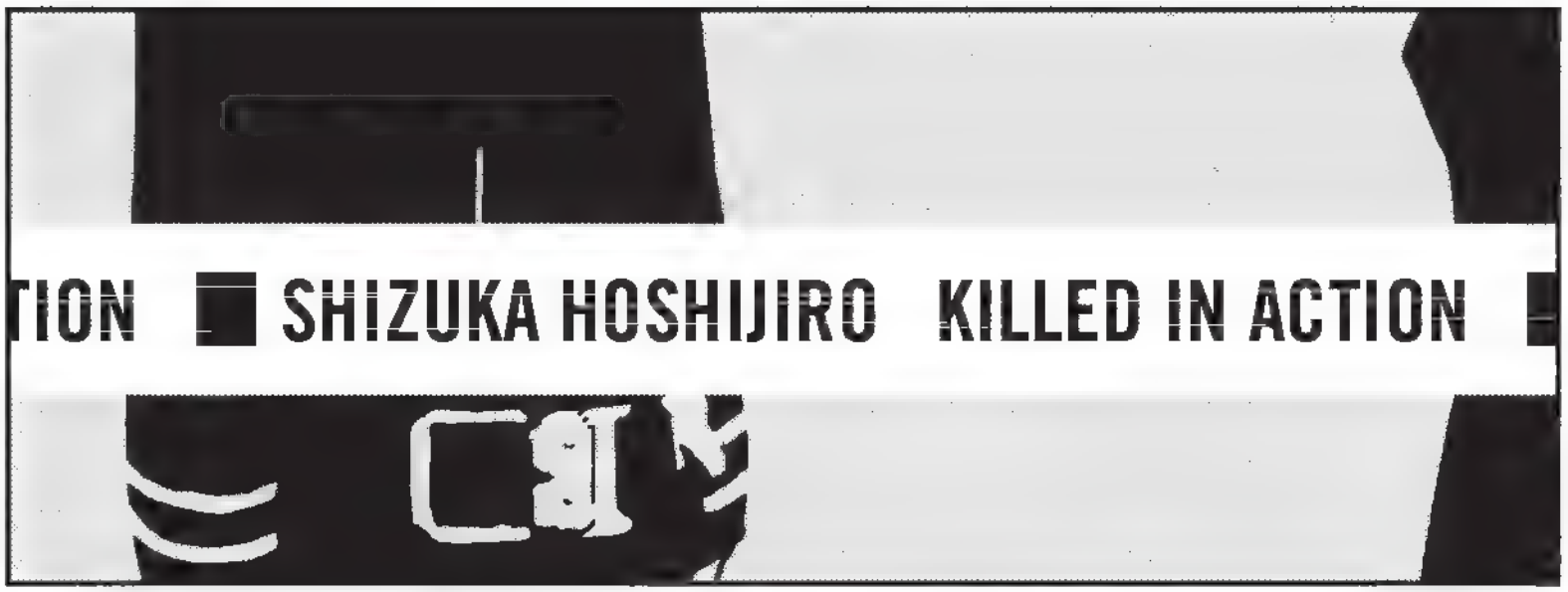
I AM NOT SATISFIED.

I AM JUST AS RESPONSIBLE FOR NOT PROPERLY COMMANDING MY SQUAD...

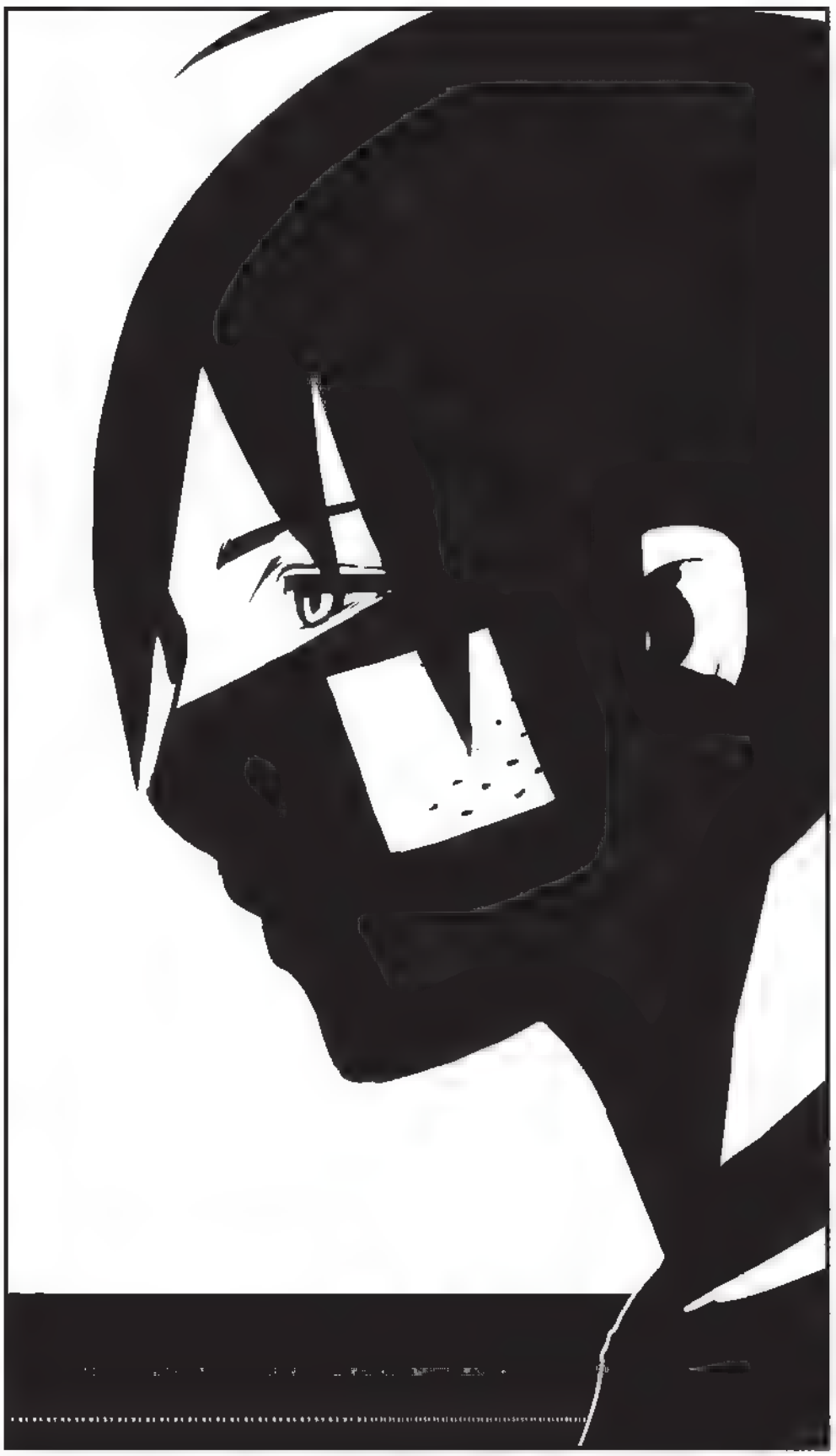
NOT SO.

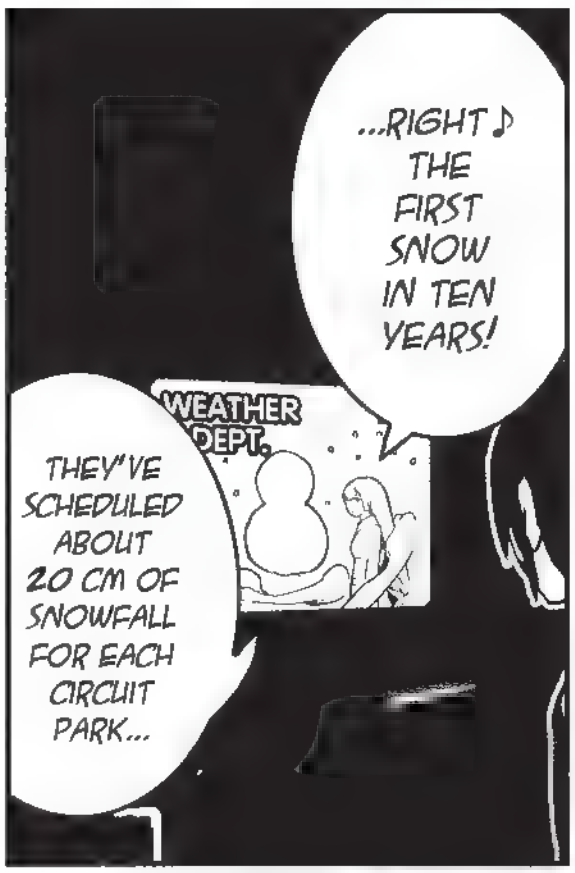
YOU CAN'T BLAME TANIKAZE ALONE FOR THAT FAILURE.

I CAN SAY I TRIED MY ABSOLUTE BEST, BUT IN THE END, WE LOST COMRADES.


TION ■ SHIZUKA HOSHIJIRO KILLED IN ACTION ■

CLIK



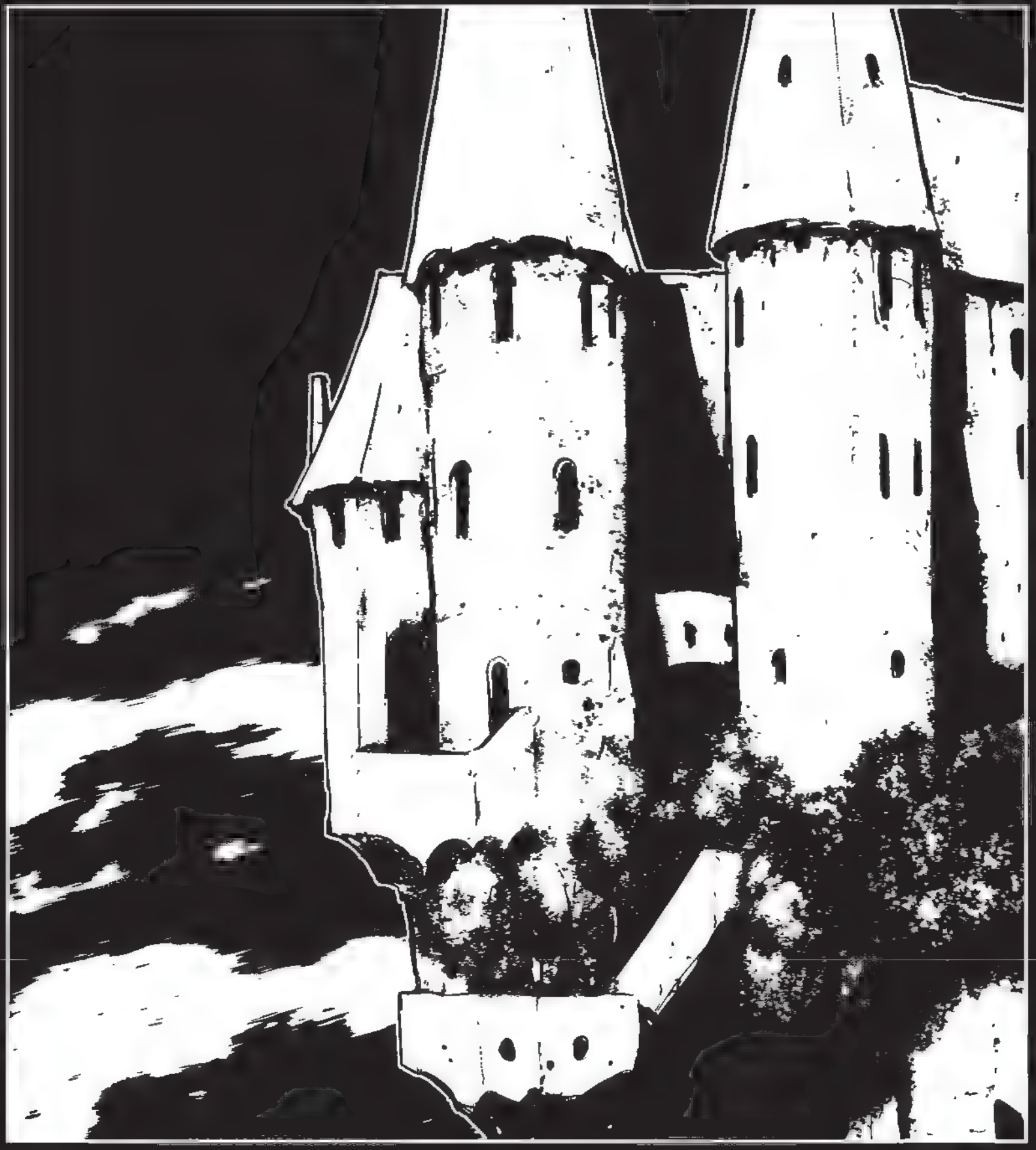

...RIGHT♪ THE FIRST SNOW IN TEN YEARS!
WEATHER DEPT.
THEY'VE SCHEDULED ABOUT 20 CM OF SNOWFALL FOR EACH CIRCUIT PARK...

Chapter 9: END

KNIGHTS OF SIDONIA
BY TSUTOMU NIHEI

Chapter 10: The Twenty-Eighth Captain's Decision

One Hundred Sights of Sidonia Part Eight:
Riverside Housing Complex and Yuhata Midorikawa



KUNATO DEVELOPMENTS RESEARCH LAB:
RIGHTS ACQUIRED TO PRODUCE NEXT GENERATION GARDES

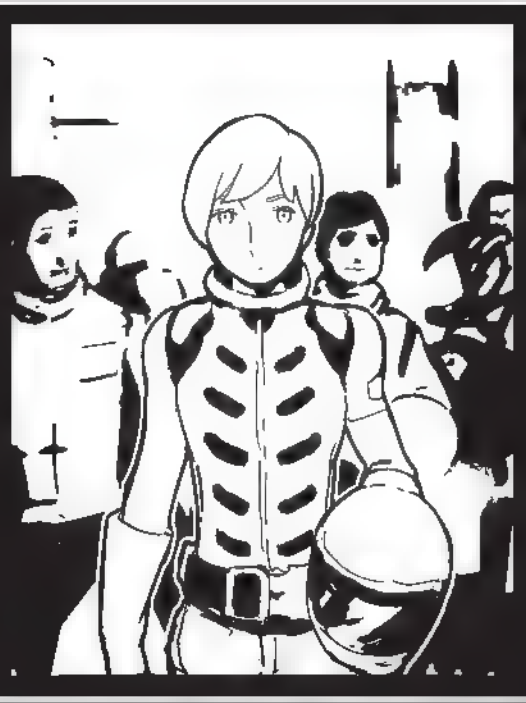
THE NEXT GENERATION OF GARDES (SERIES 18) IS PLANNED TO SUCCEED THE BASIC FRAMEWORK OF SERIES 17, KNOWN AS THE GREATEST MASTERPIECE IN GARDE HISTORY...

TOHA HEAVY INDUSTRIES: OPERATIONS OF FACTORIES NO. 3 AND NO. 6 TO BE HALTED
TOHA HEAVY INDUSTRIES: MAJORITY OF ENGINEERS IN GARDE DEV DIVISION TO TRANSFER TO KUNATO

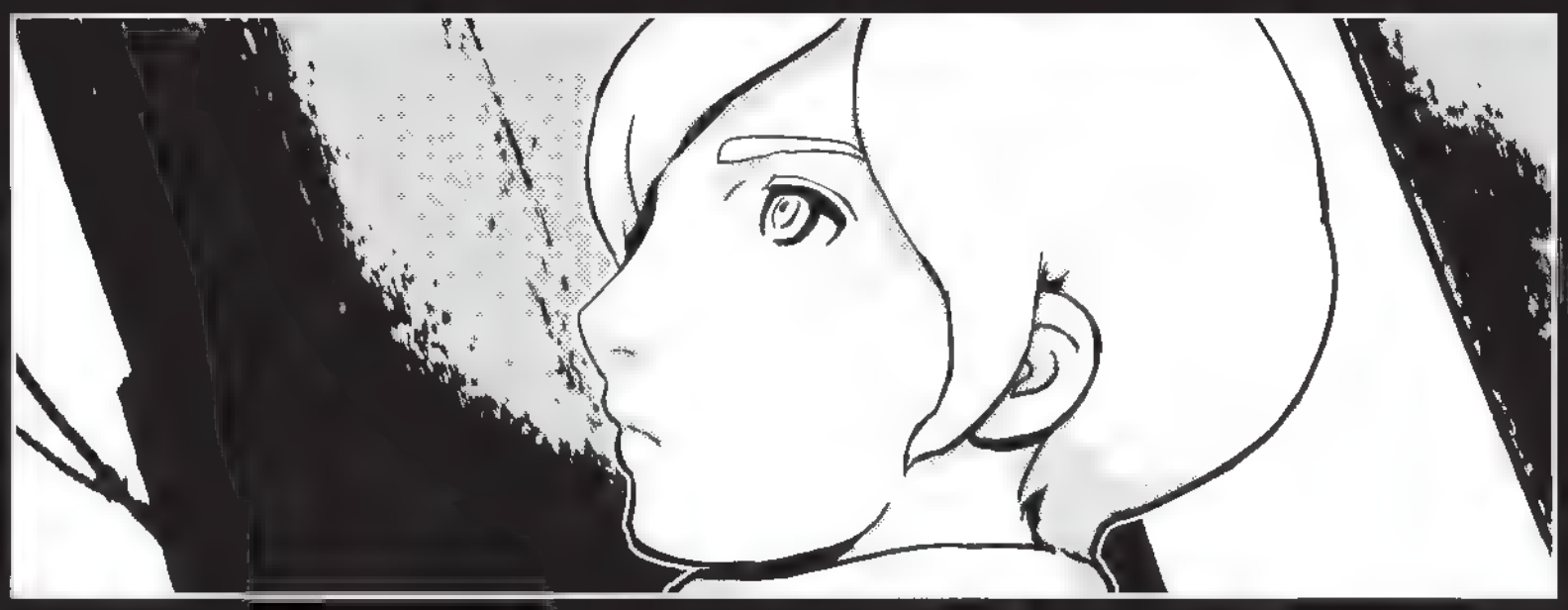
ANOTHER CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE SCION OF THE KUNATO GROUP

HE WAS BORN WITH IT ALL...

NO. EVERYTHING I WANTED, I OBTAINED THROUGH MY OWN EFFORTS.



FIRST SON BORN TO THE EIGHTH HEAD OF THE KUNATO FAMILY!



BUT
...

THE GREATEST ARMAMENT AND HONOR... YOU STOLE BOTH FROM ME BEFORE MY VERY EYES.

THE YOUNG HERO'S TRIUMPHANT RETURN!!

HE DESTROYED A GAUNA, BUT WAS LEFT ADRIFT IN SPACE. APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS LATER, HE HAS RETURNED SAFELY WITH SHIZUKA HOSHIJIRO. THERE WAS CONCERN FOR HIS HEALTH DUE TO HIS INABILITY TO PHOTOSYNTHESIZE, BUT HE QUITE VIVACIOUSLY TOLD THE PRESS, "I'M STARVING."

YOU ASKED FOR THIS, NAGATE TANIKAZE.

KRAK
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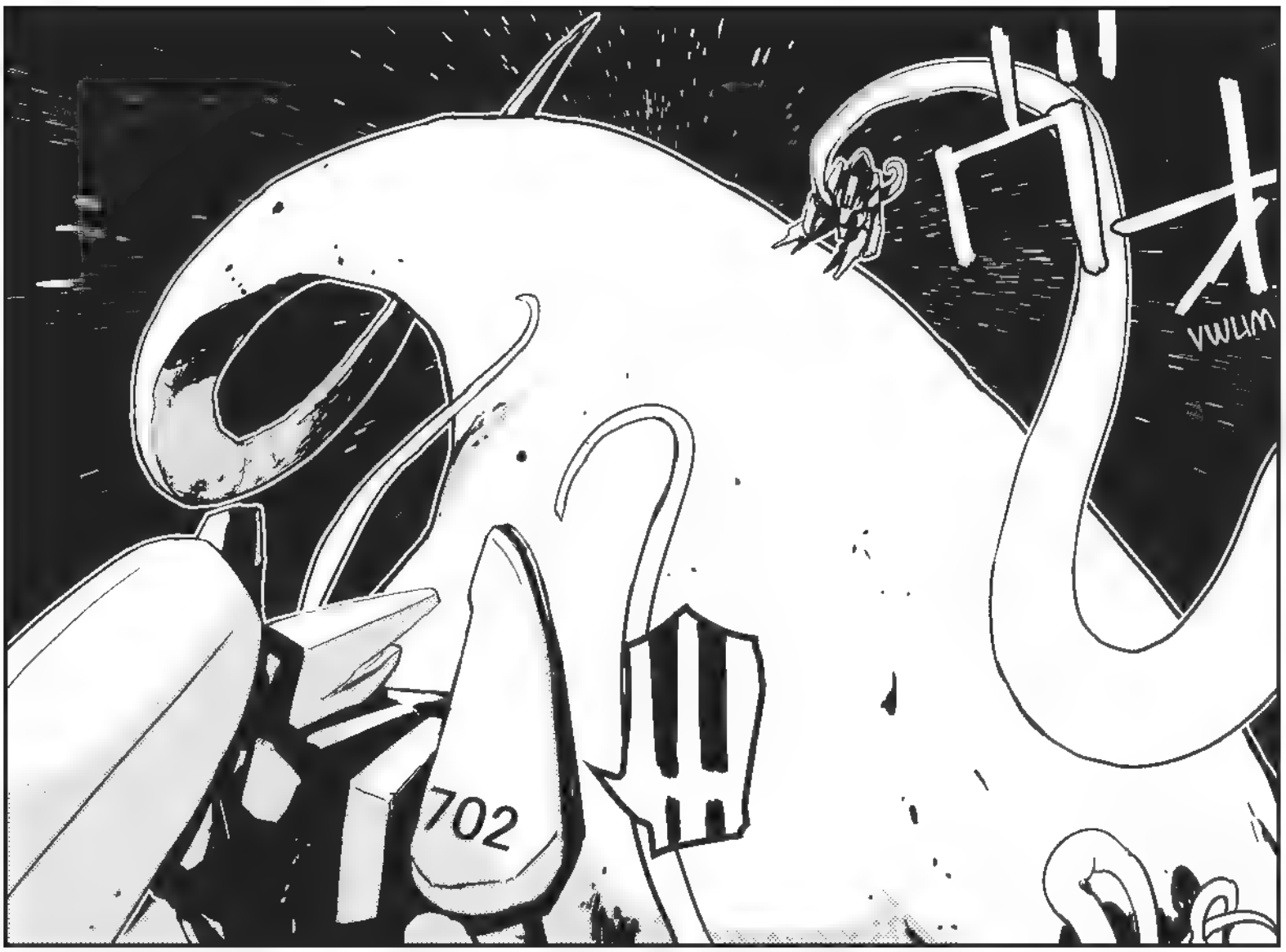
GLUB


VWUM
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VWUSH
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GRIK

TANI-
KAZE!!

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NO, GET BACK !!
HOSHI-JIRO !!

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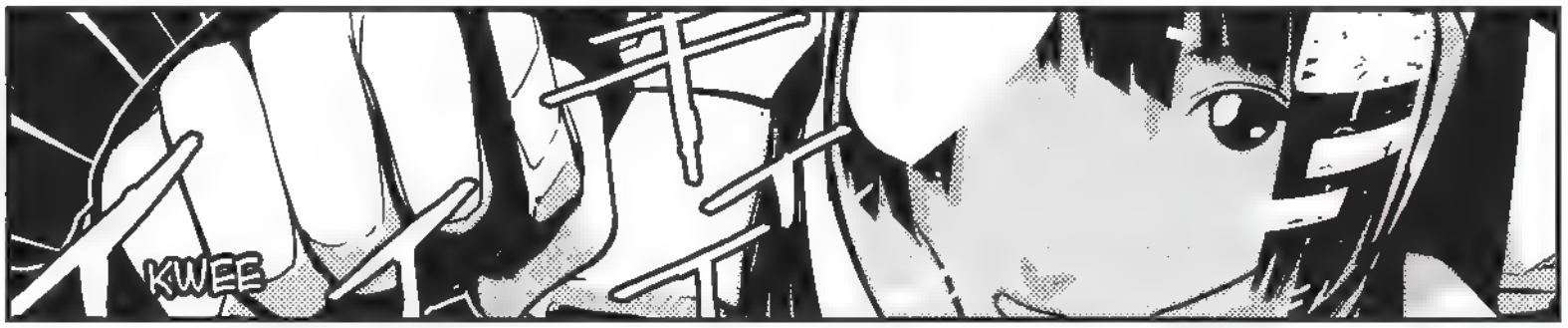
VWIP
VWIP

WOOSH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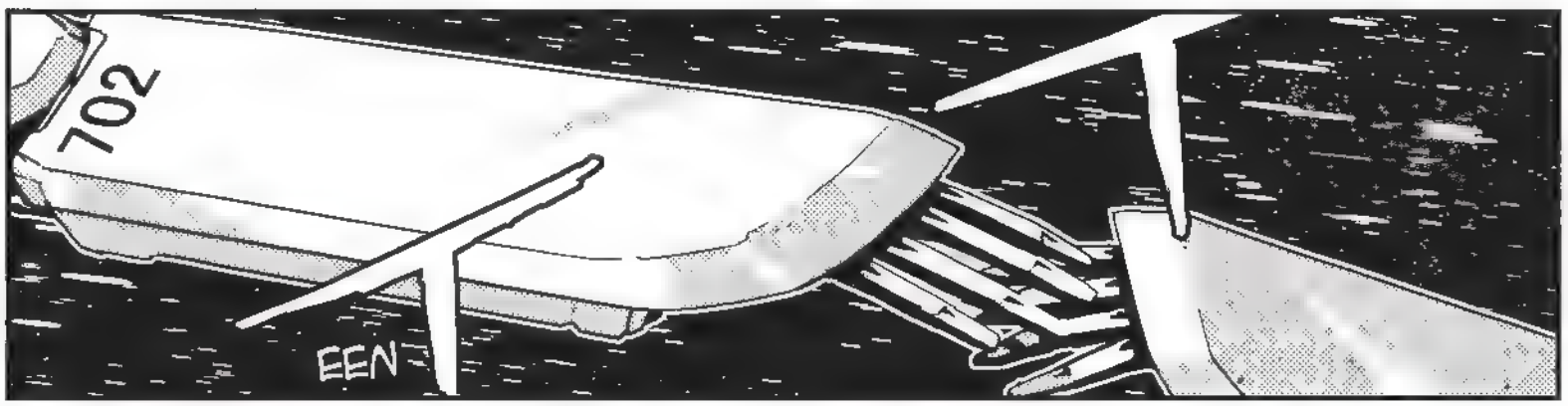
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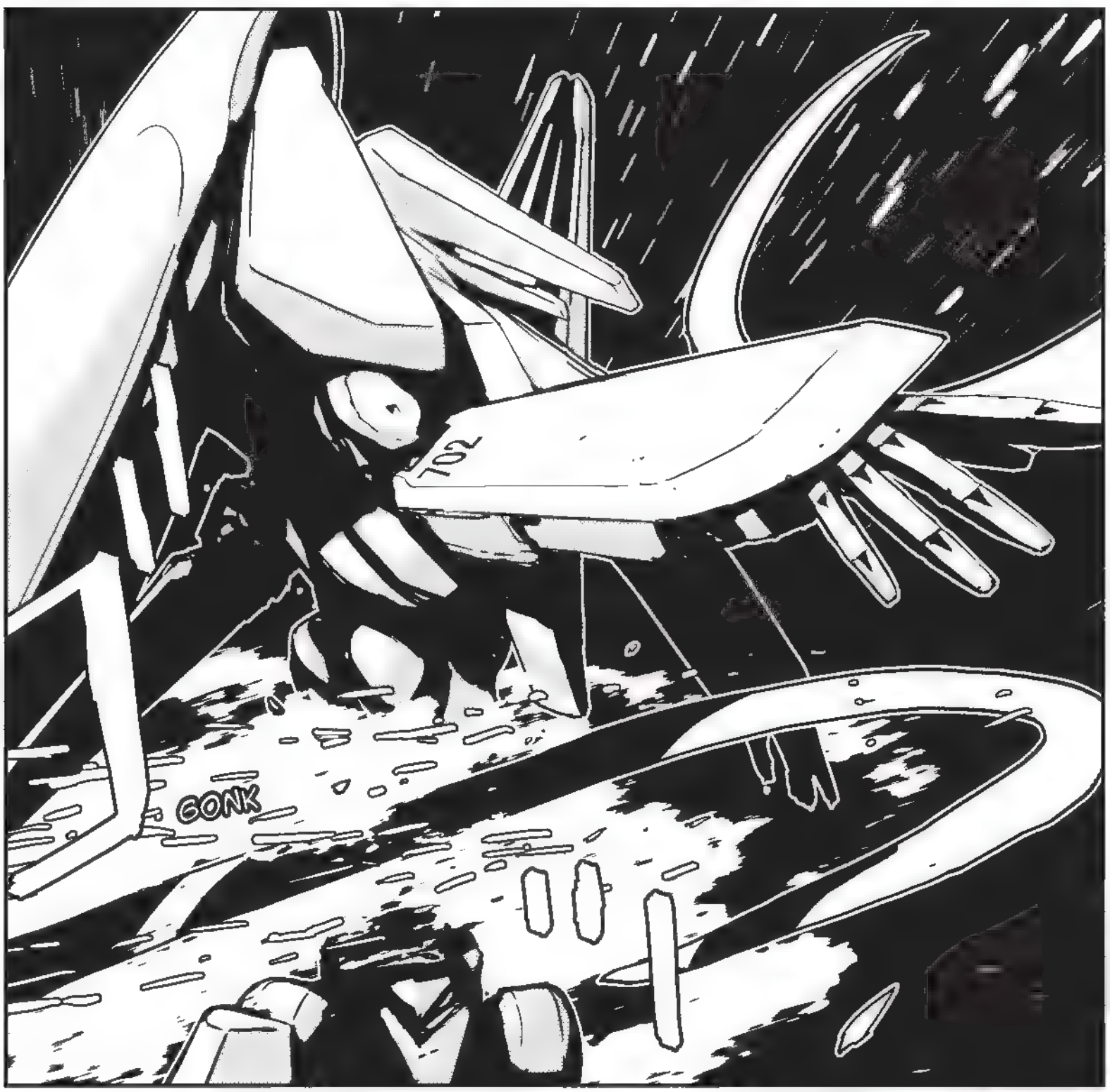
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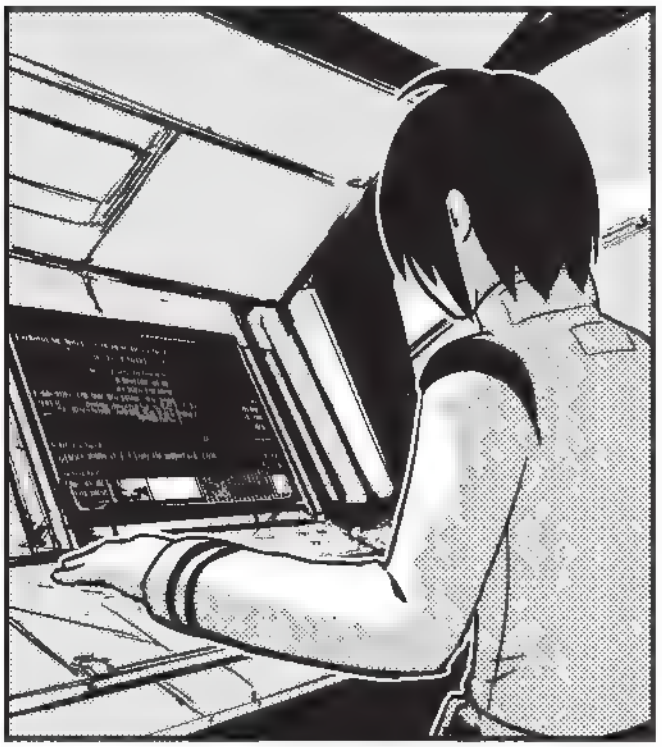
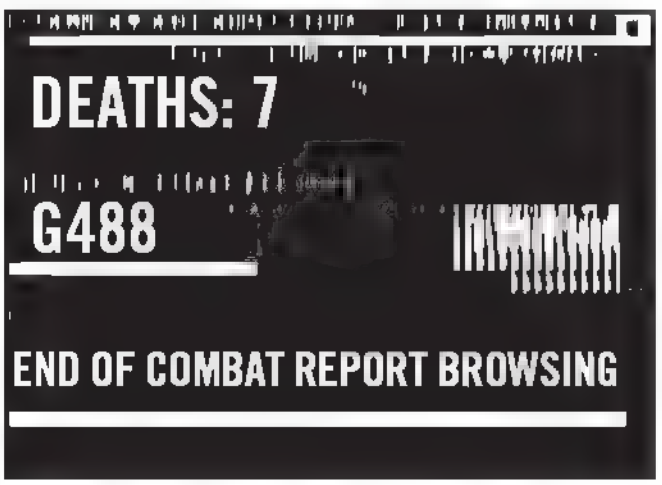
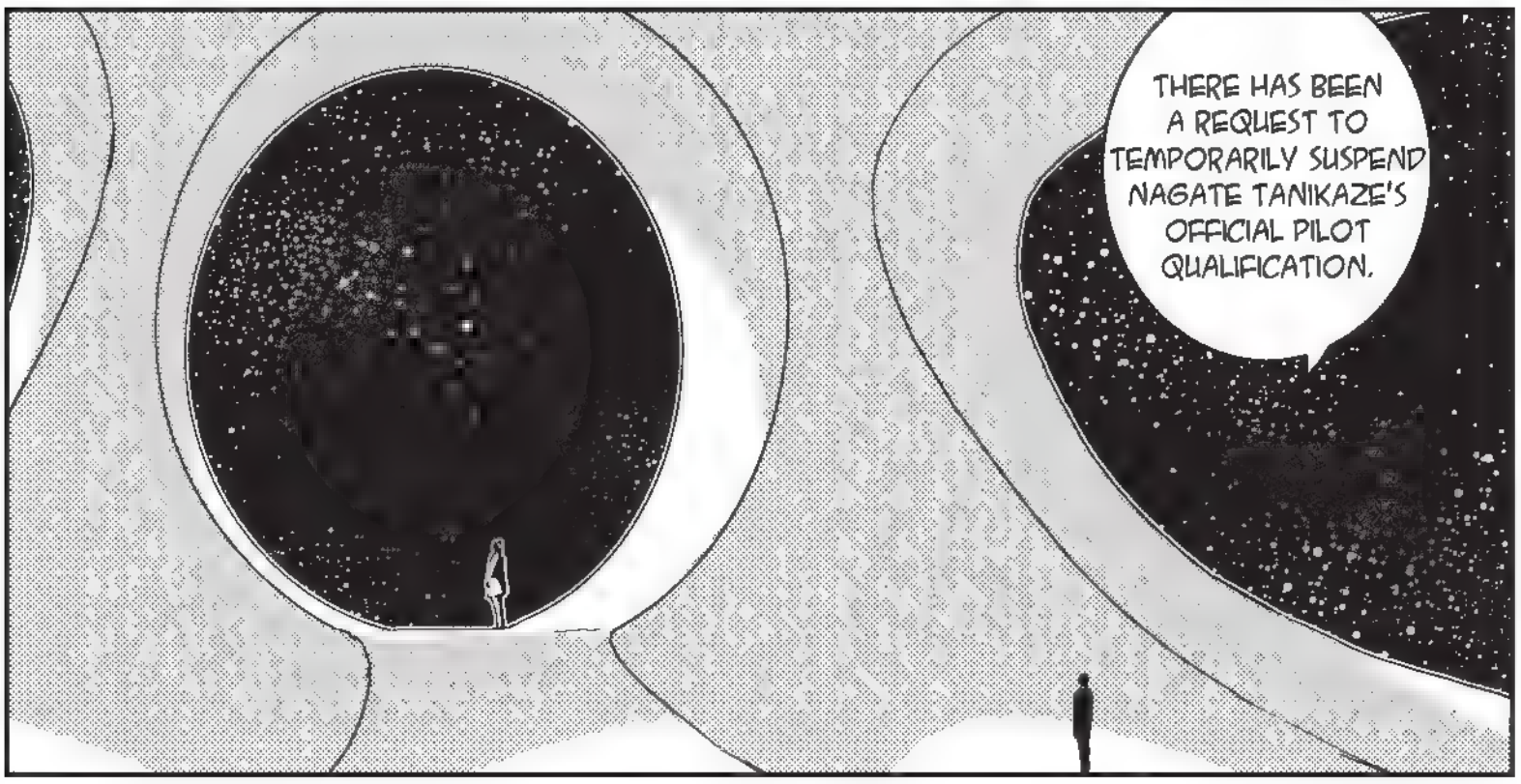
O...

WOOF



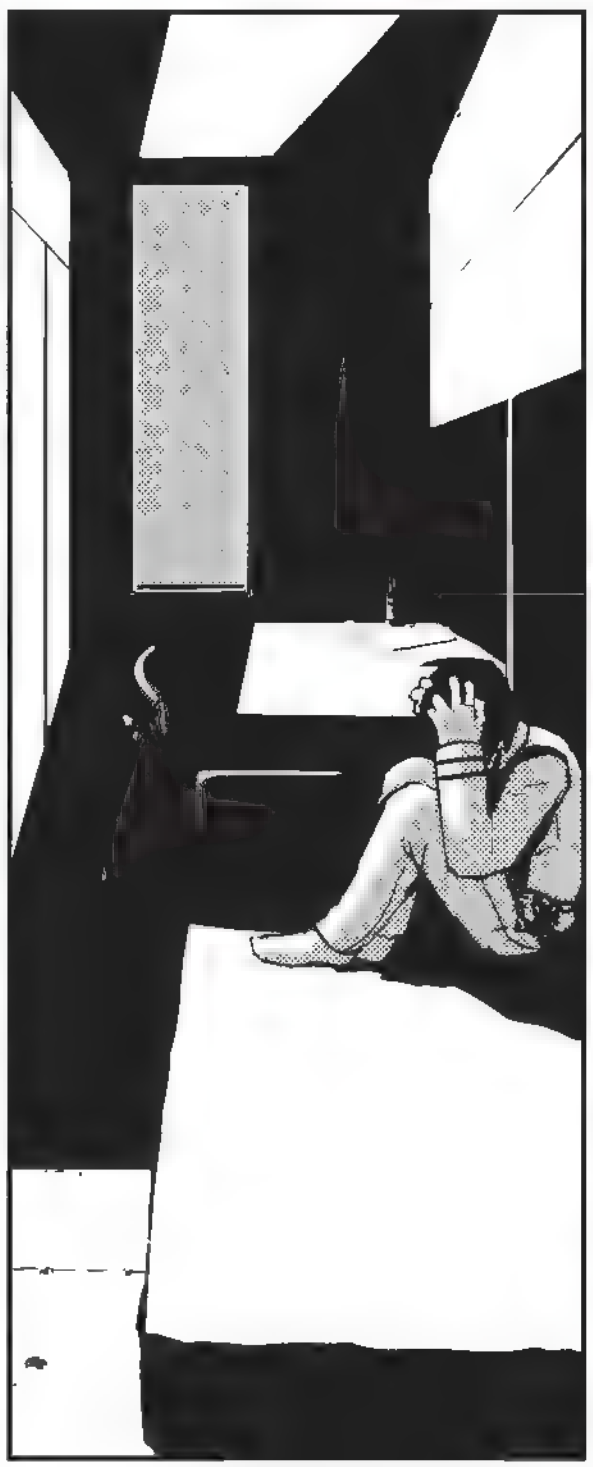


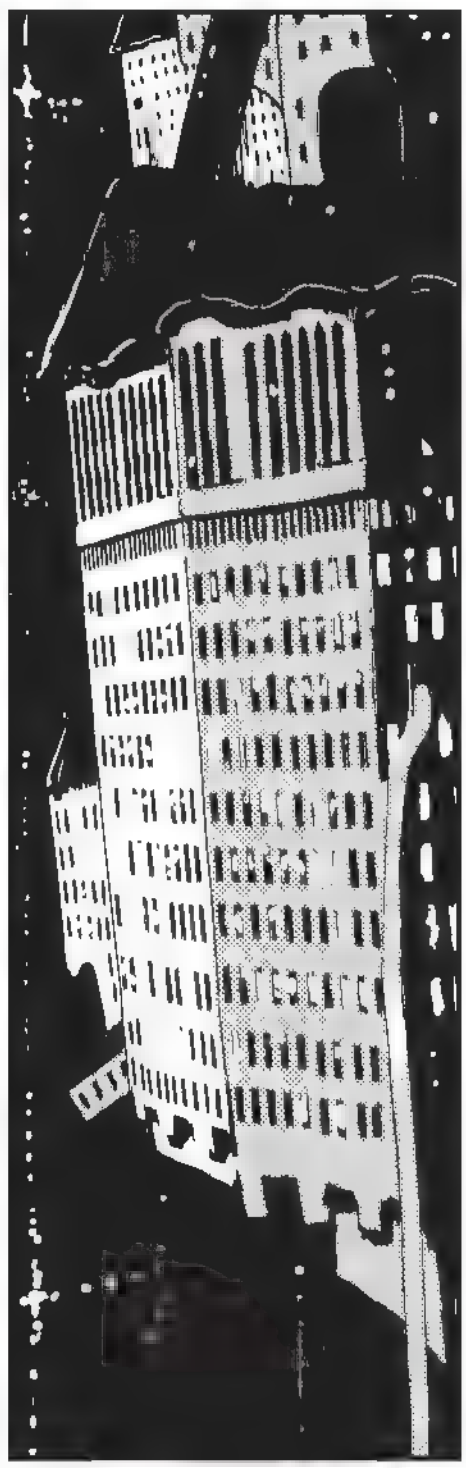
NAGATE TANIKAZE
LOGGED OUT

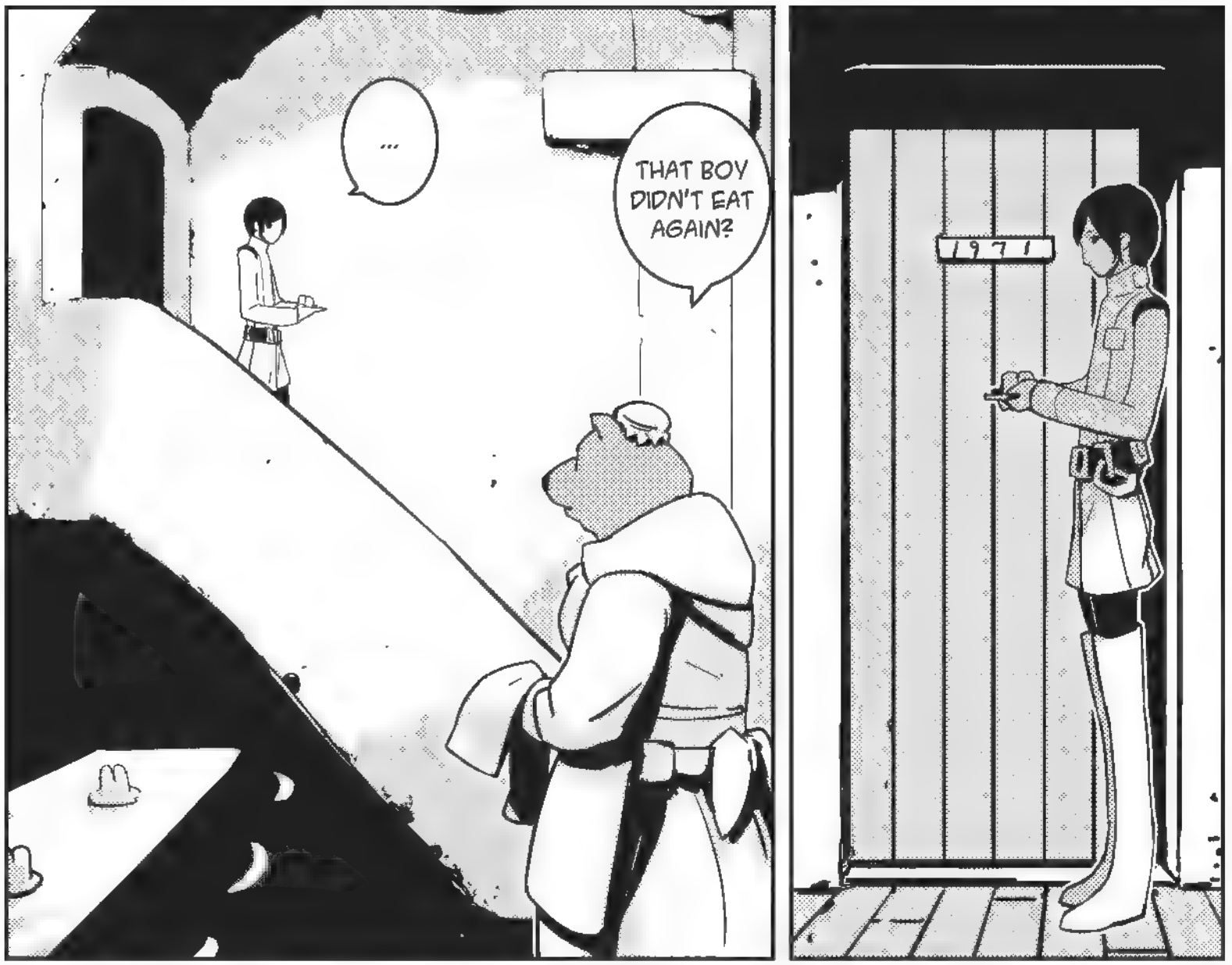


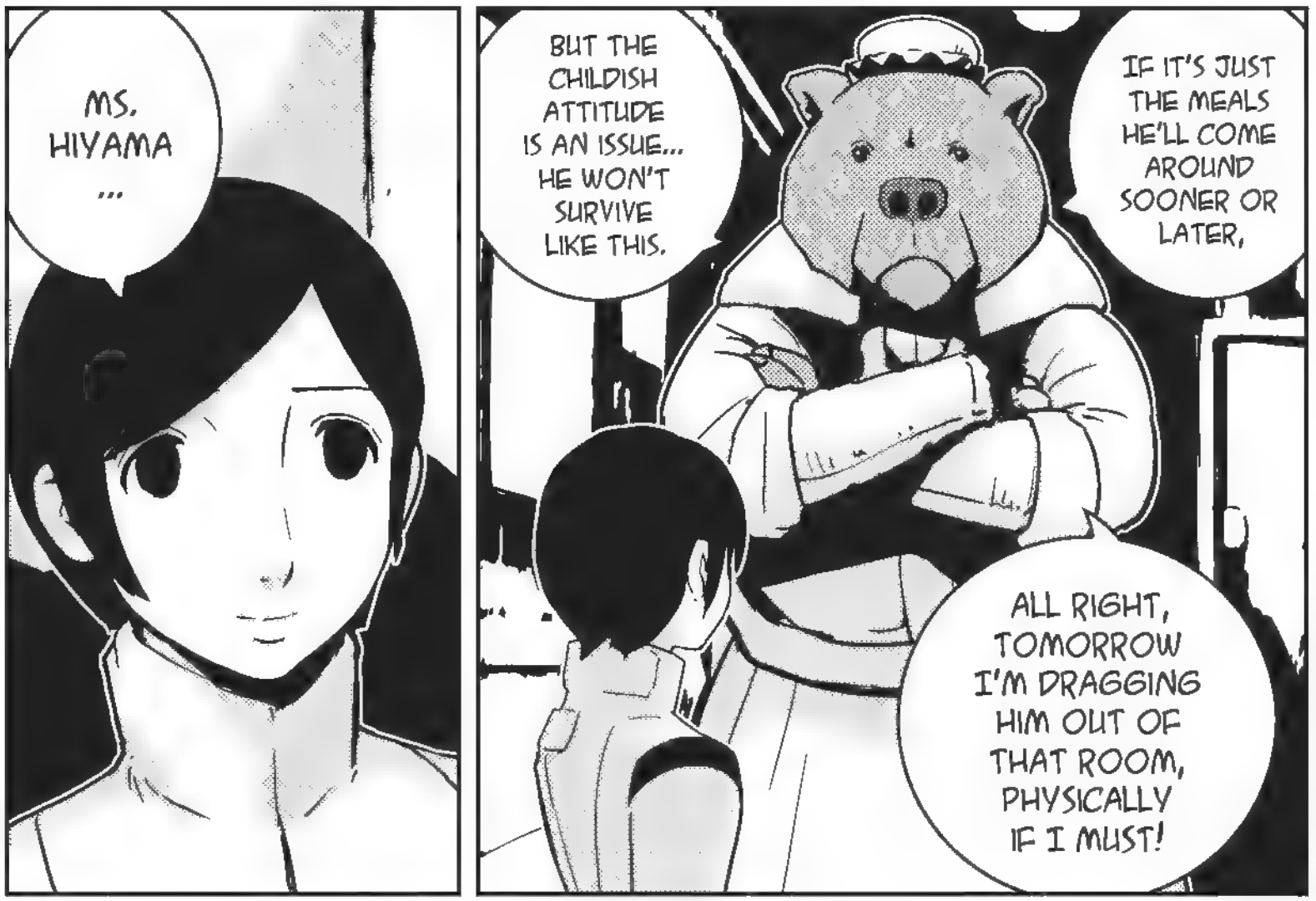
LETTING HIM PILOT THE TSUGUMORI MAY HAVE SET HIM UP FOR THIS.
THE GENERAL PUBLIC'S REACTION ISN'T GOOD, EITHER.

HAHH
HAHH
AAAGH, HOSHIJIRO ...






...
THAT BOY DIDN'T EAT AGAIN?
1971


MS. HIYAMA ...
BUT THE CHILDISH ATTITUDE IS AN ISSUE... HE WON'T SURVIVE LIKE THIS.
IF IT'S JUST THE MEALS HE'LL COME AROUND SOONER OR LATER,
ALL RIGHT, TOMORROW I'M DRAGGING HIM OUT OF THAT ROOM, PHYSICALLY IF I MUST!

ARE YOU OKAY?

YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE RESISTED SO MUCH.

NOT ONCE IN HISTORY! HAVE THE GAUNAS MADE THE FIRST MOVE AGAINST US!

IT'S NO JOKE, I THOUGHT MY NECK BROKE...

IT'S ALL BEEN IN RESPONSE TO WHAT WE'VE DONE!

IT WAS LIKE YOU WERE FLOATING IN ZERO GRAVITY.

BUT THAT WAS CRAZY, NAGATE.

Conspiracy of The Immortal Crew Society!!

They've controlled Sidonia for 1000 years

28th Captain

19th Captain

13th Captain

4th Captain

These are all the same person! There are more than ten other taking turns.

No more false information to the general crew!!

THE IMMORTAL CREW SOCIETY HAS YET AGAIN LAUNCHED A PREEMPTIVE ATTACK AND STARTED A RECKLESS WAR!

THEY PUT US, THE ORDINARY CREW, IN DANGER!! AS A RESULT! ALREADY NEARLY 3000 LIVES HAVE BEEN LOST!!

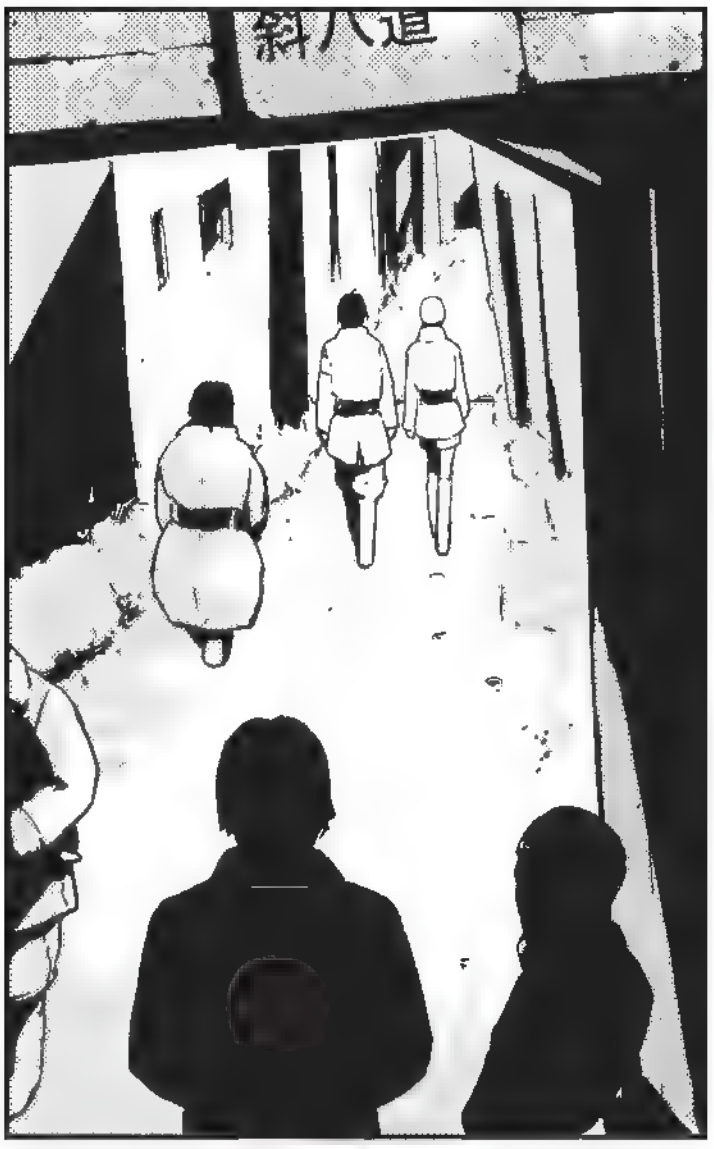
AND NOW THIS INSANE LEADER IS TRYING TO DESTROY A PLANET IN SIDONIA'S COURSE,

SAYING GALNAS HIDE IN IT!!

WE NEED TO MAKE THEM STOP THIS BARBARIC ACT RIGHT NOW!!

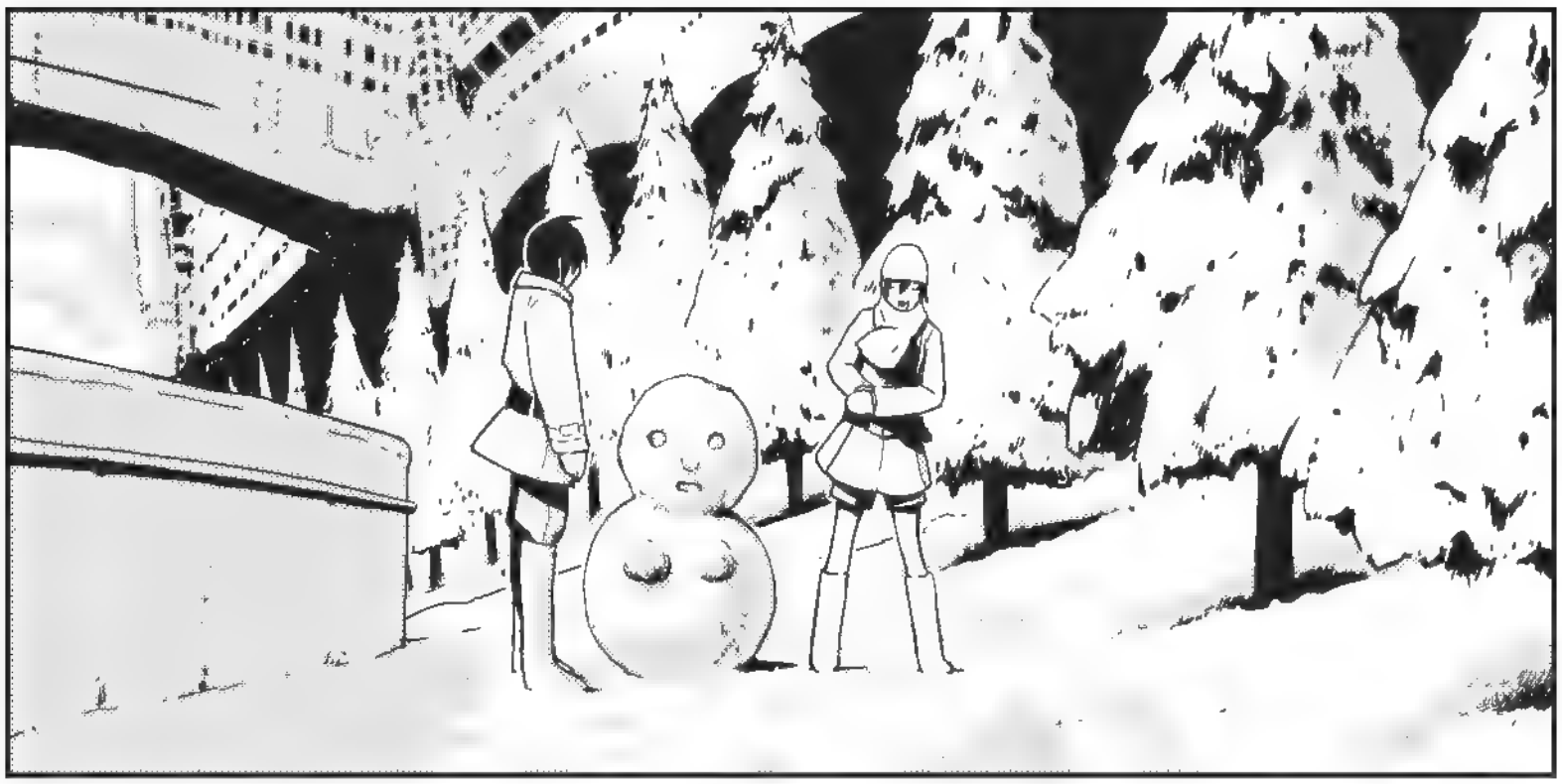
I'VE GOTTEN HOLD OF EVIDENCE THAT PRIMITIVE LIFE EXISTS ON THIS PLANET!!

AHAHA
WEREN'T YOU SAYING JUST THE OTHER DAY THAT THE SIDONIA HAD NEVER LEFT THE SOLAR SYSTEM?



LET'S GO.

ISN'T THAT GUY...
HEY,



SNOW... IS FUN, ISN'T IT?

YEAH, LEMME GO BUY SOMETHING WARM TO DRINK.
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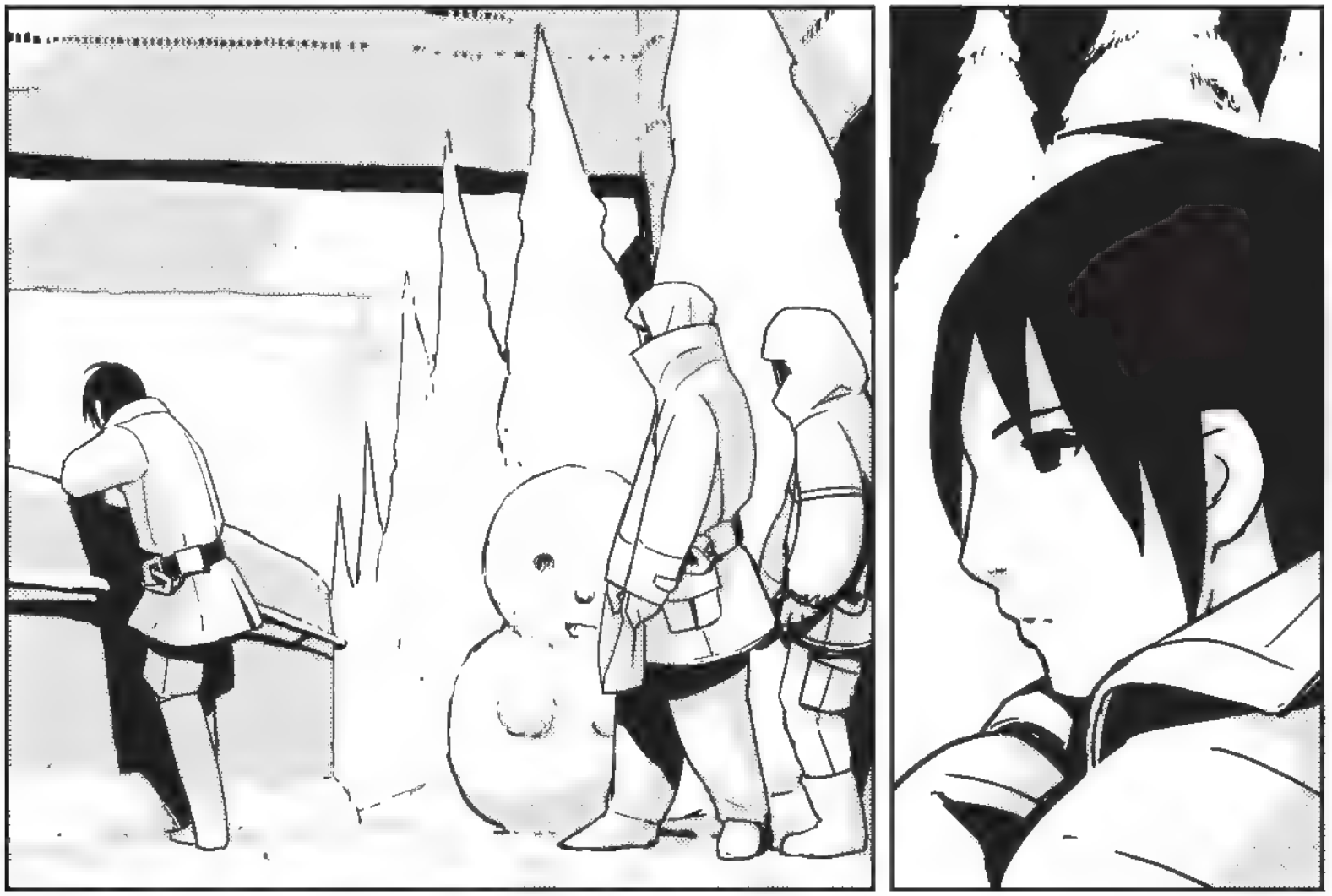

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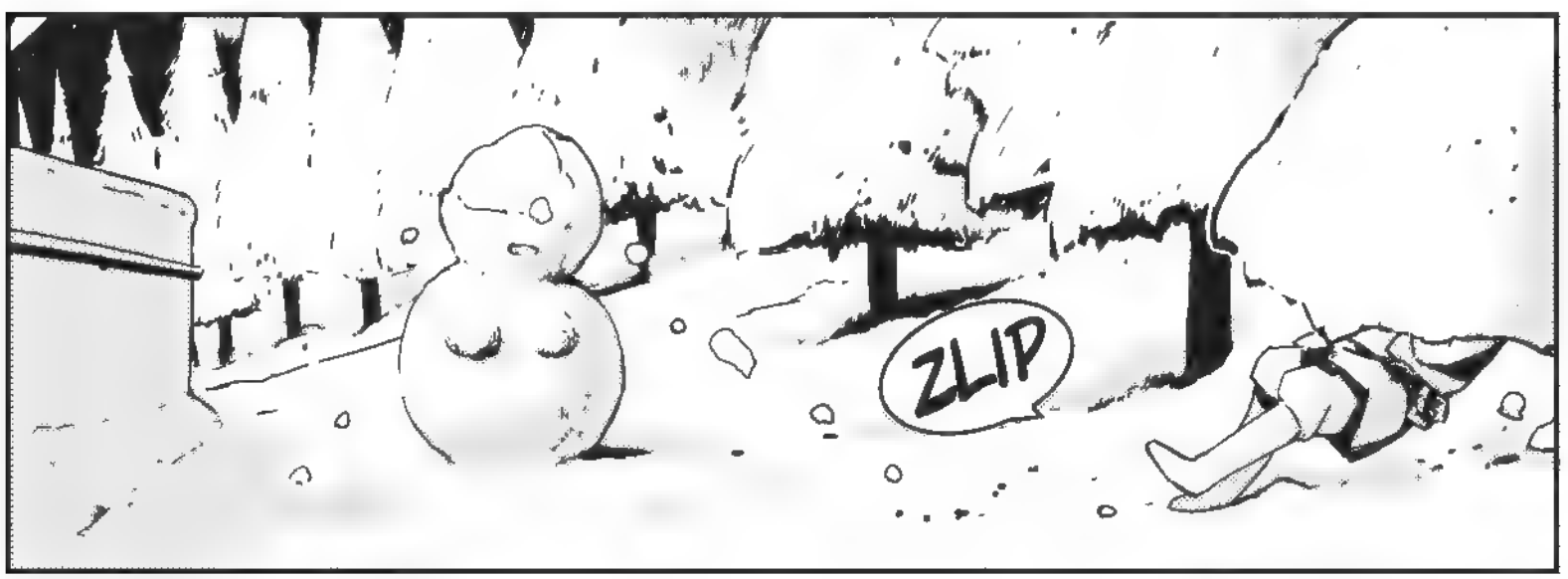
WHUB


ZLIP

DAMN WAR CRIMINAL !!

THUNK

YOU BETTER SWEAR OFF PILOTING !!

HERE YOU GO. FREE FOR YOU, LOVELY GIRL.

OH, I'M NOT A GIRL.

Sweet Sake

甘酒

TWO, PLEASE.

WHAA ?!

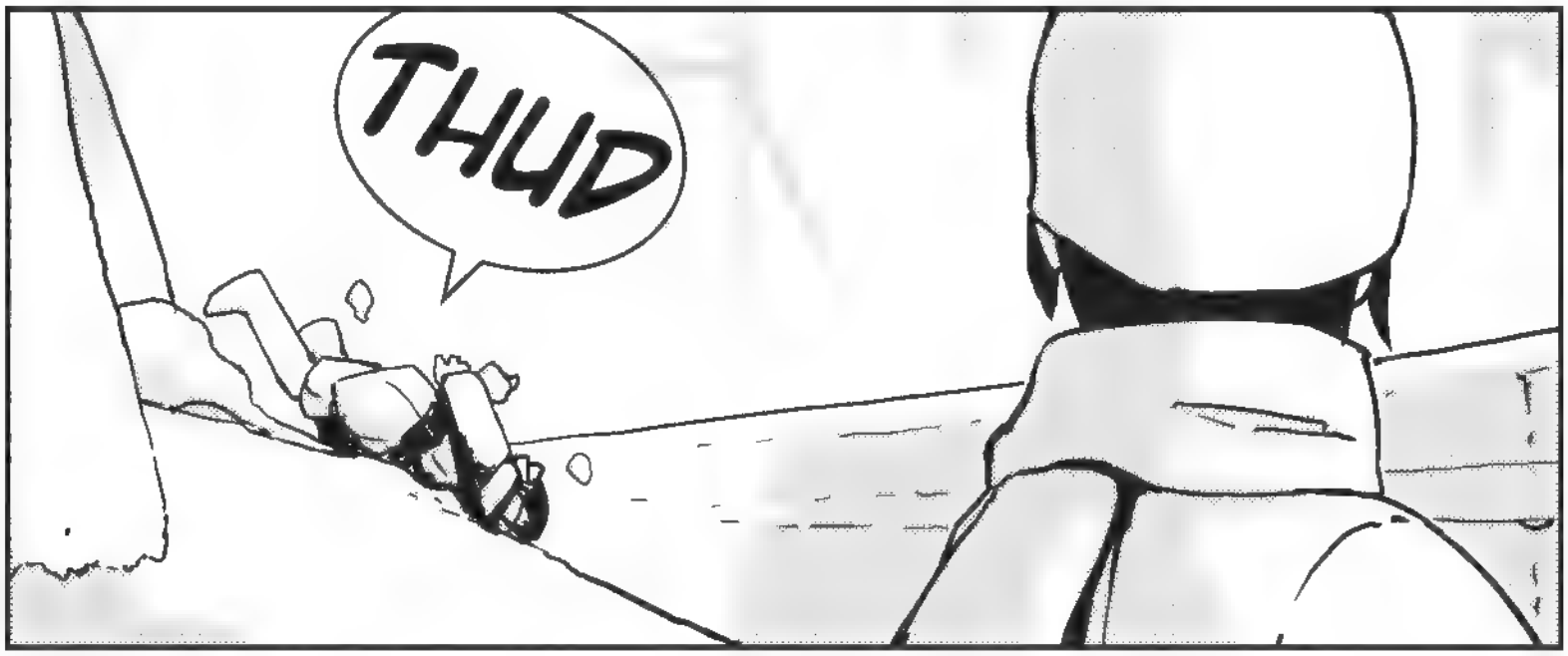
THANK YOU.

NAGATE
?

ZVSH

ZVSH

CLOP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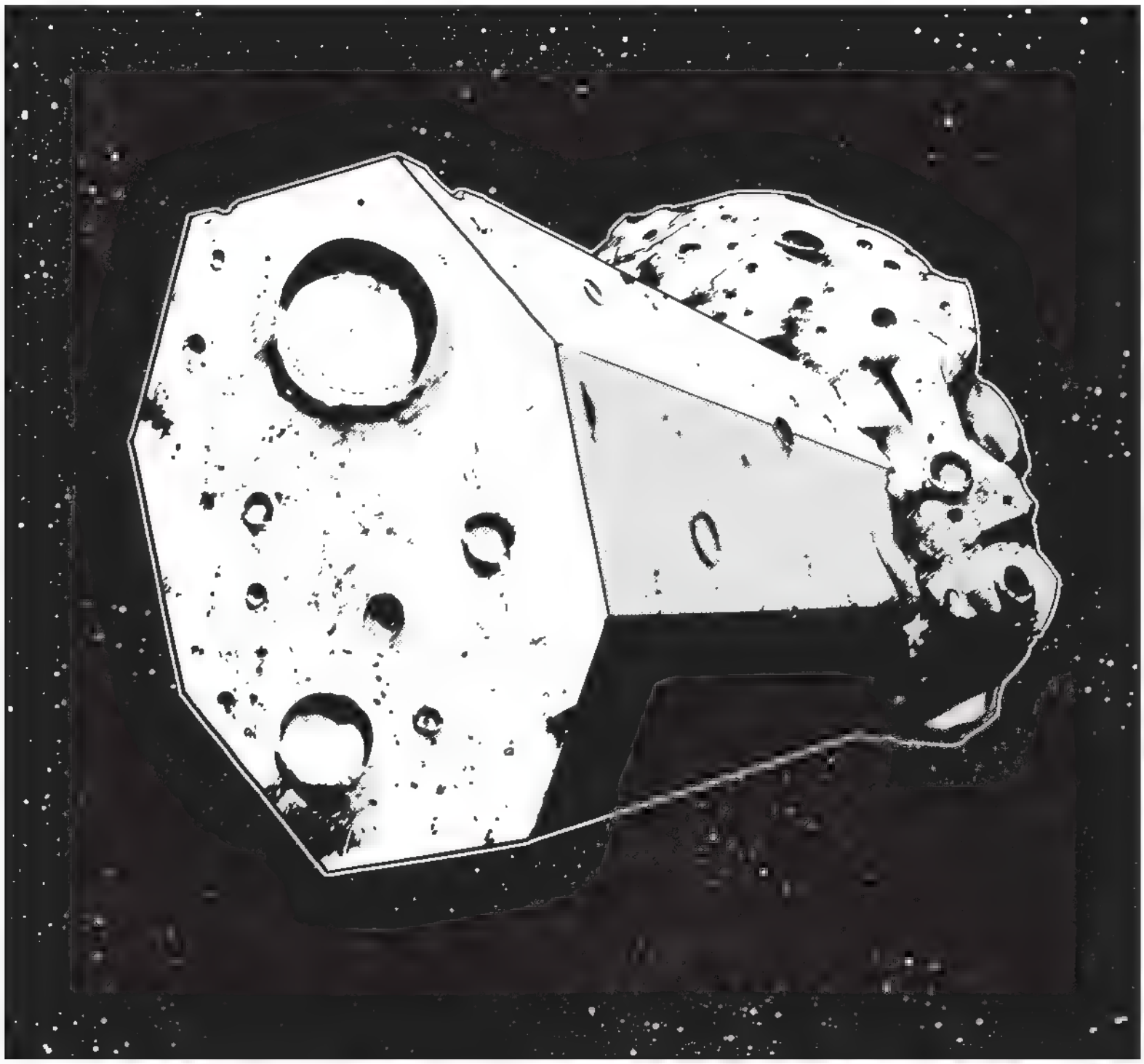
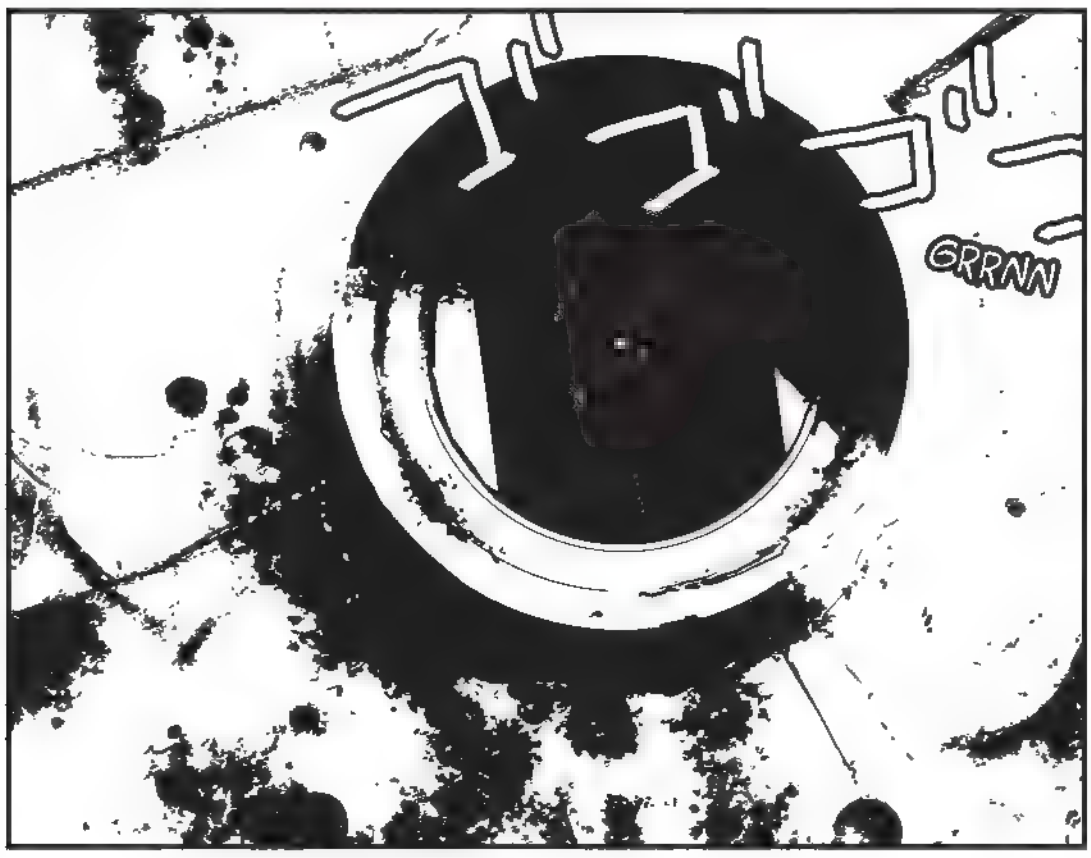
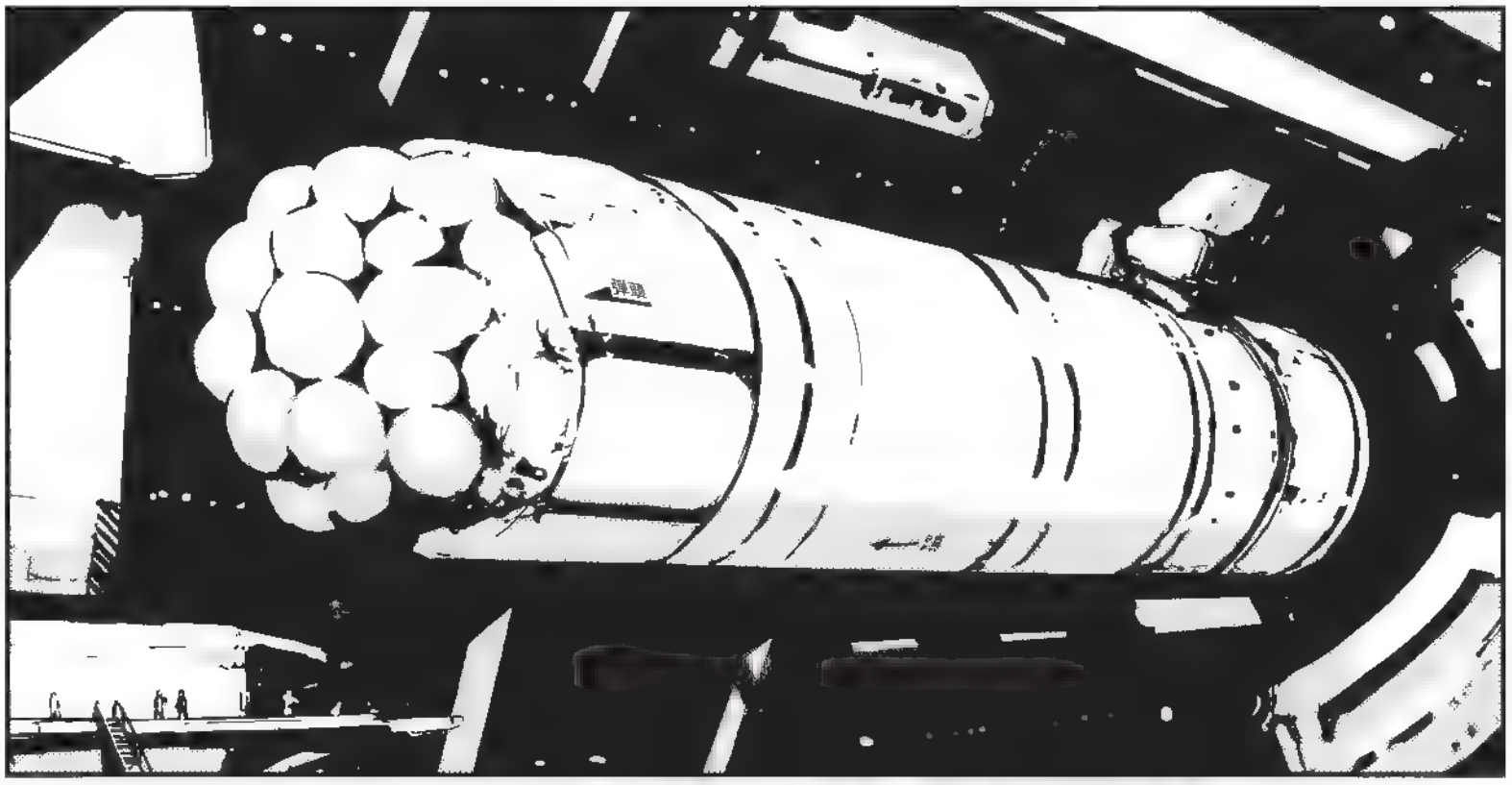
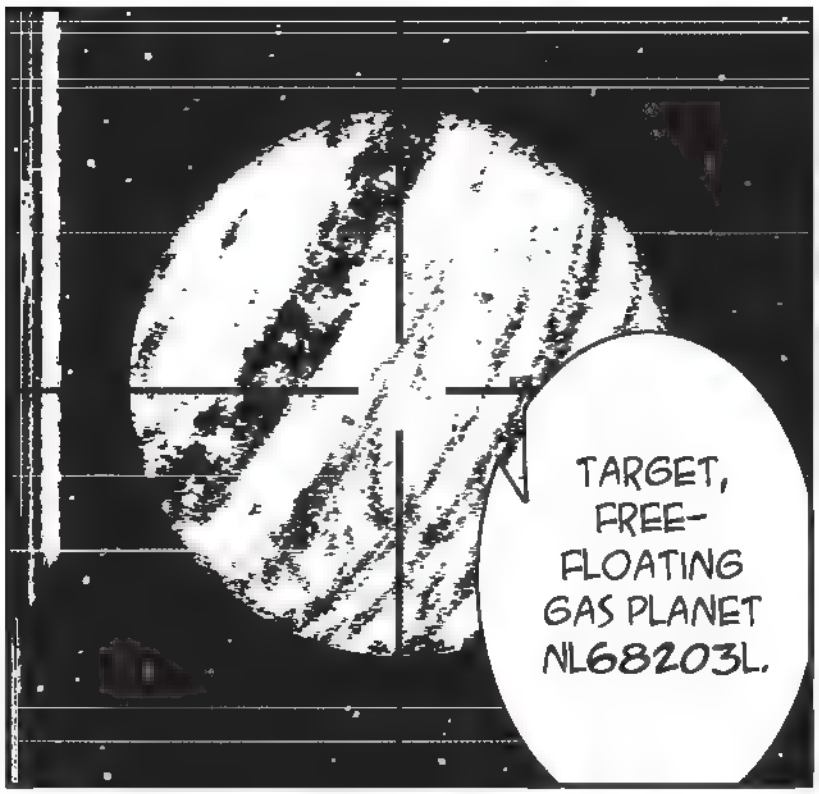



GRRNN

GLINK

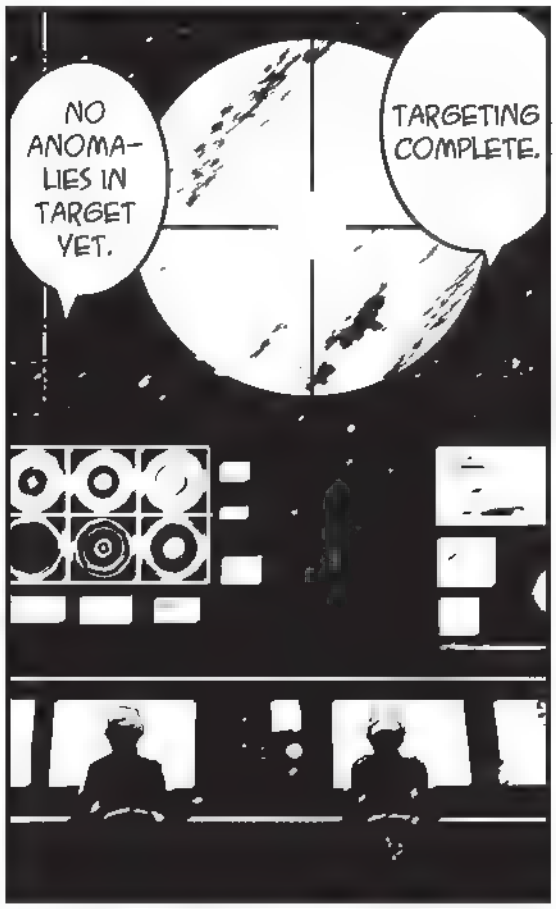



TARGET, FREE-FLOATING GAS PLANET NL68203L.

ANTI-PLANETARY GUIDED PROJECTILE READY FOR LAUNCH!

WE WILL DESTROY THE PLANET WHILE WE STILL MAINTAIN SOME DISTANCE, TO FLUSH THEM OUT!!
IT IS EXTREMELY LIKELY THAT OTHER GAUNAS LIE THERE IN WAIT!
IT IS ALSO WHERE THE CORE WE LET SLIP BY CHOSE TO FLEE!!
THIS PLANET, IN SIDONIA'S COURSE, IS WHERE LINKED GAUNA 488 HAD BEEN HIDING!

FIRE
!!


NO ANOMA-LIES IN TARGET YET.
TARGETING COMPLETE.

BOOM

IMPACT MOMEN-TARILY.

NO CHANGE IN TARGET.

TWO

THREE

FOUR

IMPACT IN

PASSED TARGET PLANET SURFACE LAYER.

ONE !

COMING INTO CONTACT WITH PLANET CORE!

MANTLE REACHED ...

BLAST SUCCESS-FUL!!

ZZZT

GOOD. DON'T MISS ANY IRREGULAR ENTITY.

SIZE UNDER ONE KILOMETER.

THERE ARE TWO. NO, ONE MORE !

DETECTED !

!!

CAPTURED. COMING UP ON SCREEN 2.

I WANT A LARGER IMAGE.

ROGER ...

THREE ...

SO THERE REALLY WERE MORE.

VWIM

UNIDENTIFIED 002

WAIT, THAT LOOKS JUST LIKE

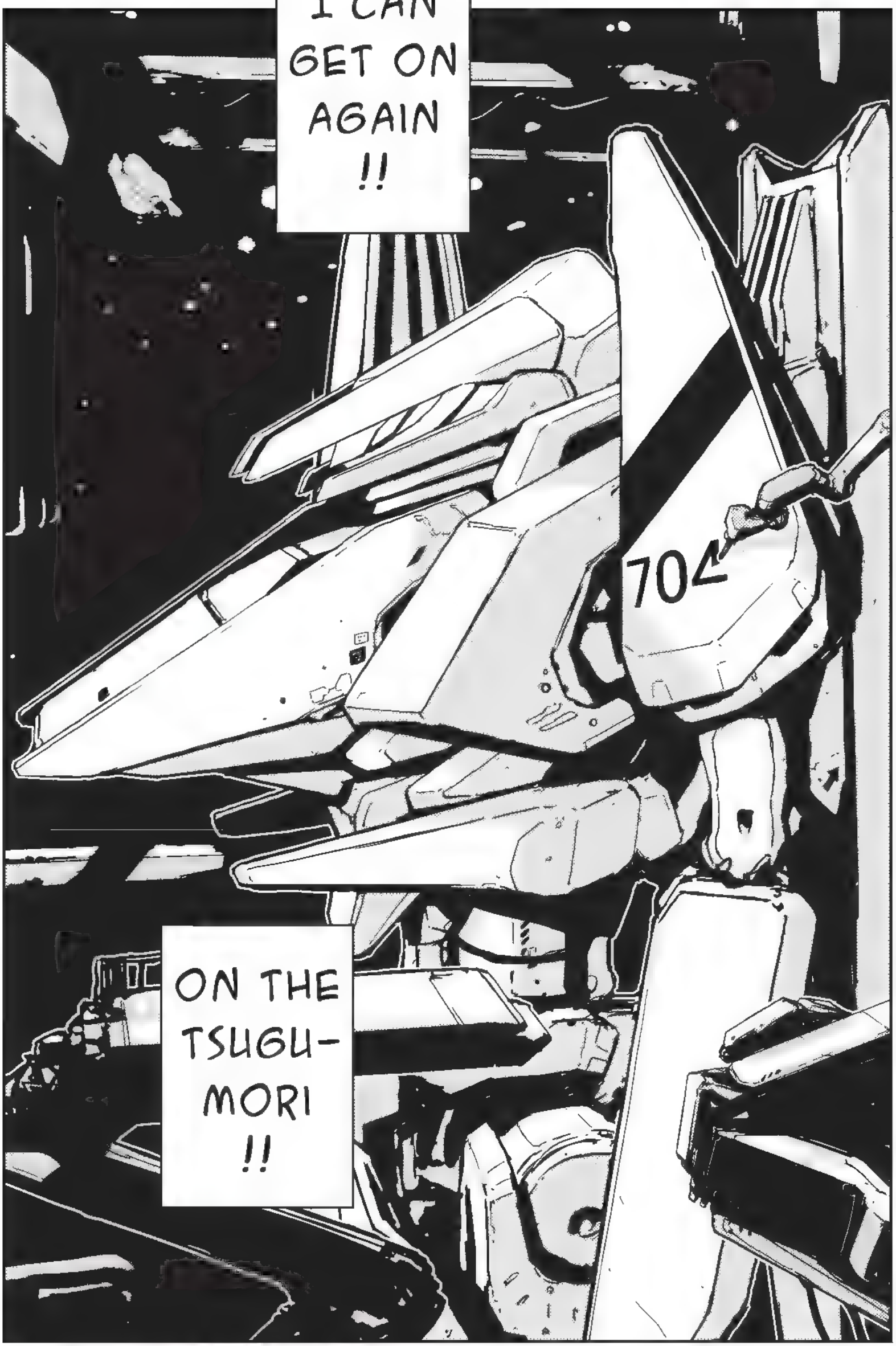
A HUMANOID GAUNA...

UNIDENTIFIED 001

UNIDENTIFIED 003

A GARDE ...

HAHH
I'M FINE!
BUT HURRY, FREE MY HANDS ...
NAGATE!
NAGATE, ARE YOU OKAY?
VVVT
NAGATE, YOUR TEETH!
PROMPTLY BOARD UNIT 704 AND PREPARE FOR SORTIE.



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Gauna, life forms from outer space.

What are they,
and why do they assail humanity?

What are Kabizashis—the sole weapon that can destroy Gauna Cores?

Why do only twenty-eight remain?

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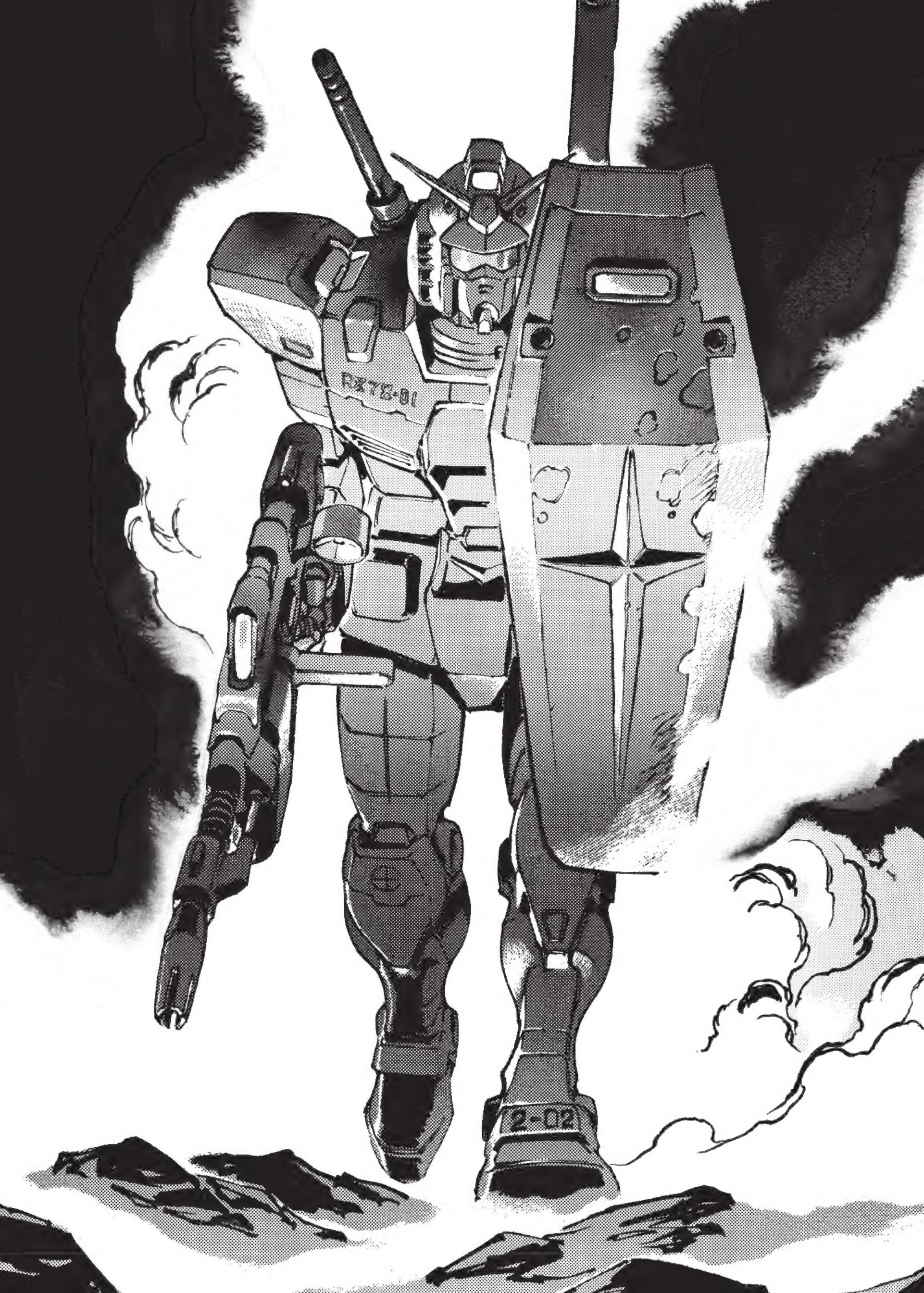
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